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PREFACE.

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PREFACE.

THE whole of the contents of this Volume are taken from the MS. Elizabeth, Vol. IV., in the Council Office Series. This fine MS., which contains, including the fly-leaf, no less than 822 pages in addition to the usual Index of later date, is about 13 inches high by 8½ inches broad, and is in very fair condition, though cut rather close by the binder in places, whilst the fly-leaf and a few of the leaves in the middle and at the end of the volume have been repaired. It may also be worth noting that some of the damage which the volume has received was sustained long ago, as at pp. 319 and 351 of the MS. it is evident that the corner and edge of the leaf had been torn off before the entries were made, and on p. 321 the entry has been written across a folded corner of the leaf. The volume is evidently a rough copy in which was set down the daily business of the Council from July 26, 1577, to April 29, 1580, but the proceedings of July 26, 28 and of August 1 and 3, and a portion of the business of August 4, 1577, have already been printed in Volume IX. of this series, in which was reproduced, so far as it goes, the fair copy known as Elizabeth, Vol. III., in the Council Office Series. On the first page of the fly-leaf to Vol. IV. are the following words: "The Councell Boke," with the dates 1577 and 1580 in a later hand. Below this are the words "July 26th, 1577, to June 23th, 1577 (*sic*)," which entry is again followed by the words "This Book is turned over." On referring to the entry for June 23, 1578, on pp. 205, 206 of the MS. we find that the following page is blank, with the exception of the words "turned over," as is also p. 268, and that p. 209, on which are the words "The Counsell Book," is apparently the first page of the fly-leaf of a separate volume, p. 210 being blank, and p. 211 containing the first entry relating to the business of June 29, 1578, written in a handwriting which only occasionally appears in the Register. It is thus evident that Vol. IV., as we now have it, is either made up of two separate MSS. or more probably of one MS. in which the entries had accidentally been begun at both ends, a mistake afterwards

rectified by cutting the book in half, "turning it over," and rebinding it. That it is a rough copy or first draft is also apparent not only from the existence of the fair copy, in which, as before mentioned, are embodied the earlier entries, but also from the great variety in the handwriting, some of which is very good and some bad almost to illegibility, the spelling being in many cases more eccentric than usual, especially with regard to the final "e," whilst the whole work seems to have been supervised and corrected by the principal Clerk of the Council, whose handwriting is worse than that of any of his subordinates. One characteristic feature of this MS. is that occasionally certain proper names are given in the margin (pp. 223, 228, 230, 234, 240, 243, 244, 270), which are apparently the names of the messengers to whom the delivery of the letters of the Council were entrusted. This may possibly be explained by the following extract from Strype, who says with reference to the year 1578:—

"The Queen had been grossly wronged by some of her servants, which, being now found out, a good piece of justice was done upon them in the month of February, at the sitting of the Lords in the Star Chamber; when four messengers were examined, namely, such as were daily sent on errands from the Court, who were found, by counterfeiting the hands of the Lord Chamberlain and the Secretary, to have deceived the Queen of above 3,000*l.* within six years, they and their confederates. Whereupon their sentence was to stand on the pillory at Westminster, at the Court gates and in Cheapside, on certain days appointed, and then to have their ears cut off."—Strype, Book II., Chap. XIV., 1578.

This passage and the entries of the names in the Council Register show that the Clerk had good ground for suspecting irregularities in his messengers, and therefore kept a record in his rough copy of the dates on which each man was employed and of the duty assigned to him.

The period covered by this Volume is but eighteen months, and although it may at first sight appear that the daily business of the Council was often unimportant, the period which embraces the sailing of Drake's most famous expedition, the death of Don John of Austria and of Thomas Stukeley, the majority of the King of Scots, the renewed matrimonial negotiations with Alençon and the recall of Sidney from Ireland cannot fail to present many points of interest to the student of this critical epoch of English History. It was above all things a time of uncertainty and expectancy; no one, not even the wisest of

Elizabeth's statesmen, could foretell the future. France was a prey to internal dissension, the struggle in the Low Countries assumed different aspects as one side or the other profited from time to time by diplomacy, arms or Elizabeth's indecision, and the same may be said of Scotland, where Morton and the English party in vain expected material assistance from England. Philip of Spain, however, could not yet make up his mind to interfere actively in Ireland, and the result was that the latter half of the year 1577 was evidently a period marked by less tension in Irish affairs. Sidney had sent orders to Wales, of which country he was still Lord President, that the recruits already warned for service in Ireland should be called out and sent over to him, anticipating, no doubt, some "practices" from abroad, but the Council was of opinion that his fears were for the present unfounded and overruled his instructions (p. 31); the provisions which had already been collected for the increased garrison and for the squadron on the Irish coast were directed to be sold (pp. 21, 41, 75, 118), the contractors being given certain privileges and being allowed to make what profit they could by the sale; but Sir W. Drury, who was President of Munster, received authority to import grain for the subsistence of his ordinary troops in that Province (p. 102). Creagh, "pretended Bishop of Armagh," was still confined in the Tower and seems to have added to his offences by disgraceful behaviour within the walls of his prison (p. 43); and whilst questions as to the Cess were ever a source of trouble, and especially at this period in Wexford (p. 98), the representatives of the gentlemen of the English Pale being still confined in the Tower for their presumption in questioning the Royal Prerogative (p. 58), the position of the Lord Deputy was not rendered more pleasant by the interference of the Council with reference to the Earls of Thomond and Clanricarde (pp. 64, 65, 86), and the Council insisted that a history of Ireland during the reign of Henry VIII., by Richard Stanihurst, dedicated to Sir H. Sidney, which is now embodied in Holinshed's Chronicles, should be submitted to the censorship of the Bishop of London, who had a general authority in such matters (p. 25), and rigorously edited to bring it into accordance with the views of the Government before its publication could be permitted (pp. 114, 142). At home it became necessary to take sterner measures with those who were disaffected in Religion; Young, Harpsfield, Watson and Feckenham were,

as was mentioned in the last Volume, committed to the charge of certain prominent ecclesiastics, each prisoner's own servant being allowed to attend upon him in confinement on the ground that in such cases "there was less danger in admitting his man, already corrupted, than to hazard a sound body that may be subject to corruption" (pp. 4, 13, 16, 77); Cuthbert Mayne, who was arrested in Francis Tregian's house in Cornwall (p. 7), was ordered to be executed for High Treason at Launceston (p. 85), and Tregian himself was sent to the Marshalsea, the beginning of an imprisonment which is said to have lasted for more than sixteen years (p. 41); in the North the Bishop of Durham is written to as to Popish priests within his Diocese, and under the superintendence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Vicechancellors of Oxford and Cambridge a general census is ordered to be made of the names and property of "all such as do refuse to come unto the Church and hear Divine Service" (pp. 79, 87, 88), whilst the Lord Keeper and the Lord Chief Justice were instructed to make a similar return for the Inns of Court and Chancery, which were "very well known not to be free from that infection of Popery" (pp. 94, 95). A more material form of infection also gives rise to many entries in this year, as the ravages of the Plague were so great that the Council gave orders that all theatrical performances were to be stopped in London (p. 4); the Lord Mayor was ordered to take measures for relieving the sick and confining infected persons to their houses, and was severely censured for neglecting to take the necessary precautions (pp. 22, 40). The disease broke out in the Fleet Prison (p. 11), the training of the Surrey levies was postponed (p. 35), and an outbreak at Aylesbury was so serious that the inhabitants of that town were forbidden to attend the Fair at Thame.

Piracy as usual gives rise to many entries in the Register, a Scottish agent named Fowlerton or Fullerton being deputed to reside in England in order to prosecute the suits of Scottish merchants in the Admiralty Court, and to recover, if possible, the booty taken from them by English rovers (pp. 10, 13, 18, 22). Frenchmen and Spaniards also had just grounds of complaint on the same score (pp. 17, 26, 122), and Dutchmen and Antwerpers also had to invoke the aid of the Admiralty Court (pp. 28, 44); on the North East Coast of England the inhabitants of Hull apprehended several corsairs who preyed

upon the traders from Northern Europe (pp. 33, 36, 71), and in view of the importance to English merchants of uninterrupted access to the Baltic through the Danish waters of the Sound the Council took special pains to settle the claims advanced by the subjects of the King of Denmark (pp. 18, 57, 83, 106). Many notorious pirates were arrested, some being sent over from Ireland (pp. 67, 70), and, where it was possible, their plunder was restored to the proper owners (p. 122), but it is evident that some of the freebooters received support and encouragement from Lord Leicester, if not from other members of the Council (pp. 91, 125). Afloat, the Channel squadron under George Winter received orders to protect traders (pp. 42, 59), and ashore the Piracy Commissioners in the maritime counties co-operated with the Admiralty Court (pp. 17, 39, 90, 93), but occasionally their efforts were hampered by the rights of such great landlords as the Earl of Surrey, who laid claim, as owner of the foreshore, to booty recovered from pirates as being in the nature of a waif (pp. 89, 102). Meanwhile, a regular office was set up in London, presided over by Henry Killigrew, to receive the fines exacted from those accused of aiding and abetting pirates and dealing in their plunder (p. 74), and thus a fund was established out of which compensation might be made to such foreign merchants as could prove loss from the depredations of Englishmen. A French corsair named De la Roche seems to have meditated attacks upon the Channel Islands and Ireland (pp. 19, 31), and in reprisal for losses sustained by our traders near Rochelle a squadron of French ships, some of which were equipped for war, was arrested at Plymouth, and was not released until the Dieppe merchants had given security for the compensation claimed from the French Government (pp. 48, 52, 76, 104, 112, 119, 120, 129), and "the Commissioners for Portugal Causes" had some trouble as to certain property seized in reprisal and afterwards claimed by a Portuguese, who was supposed to be a servant of the King of Portugal and to have charge of the "Alfondiga" or warehouse in Lisbon in which had been deposited the property of English merchants confiscated in Portugal (pp. 109, 113). The importance of the Spanish trade is shewn by entries referring to the release of certain English ships detained for other purposes in the Thames and at Bristol, which were now permitted to sail as the vintage was approaching (pp. 24, 81), and the attempt to regulate the price

of French wines seems to have broken down for the time in consequence of a Royal grant of a licence to Mr. Horsey, under cover of which the regulations issued by the Council were disregarded (pp. 51, 126), whilst the monopoly granted to the chartered Corporation of Spanish Merchants seems already to have been regarded with but little favour in the Law Courts (pp. 16, 37). The Lord Mayor resisted the claim of the Tallow Chandlers' Company to inspect all oil retailed in the City (p. 13), but mercantile cases and disputes arising from the action of the City Companies were commonly referred to arbitration (pp, 15, 49, 50), and the growth of a more friendly feeling towards the Dutch is shown by a licence to a Dutch captain to transport gunpowder without payment of Custom dues (p. 118), and by a stern reproof to an Alderman for endangering the good relations between the two countries by arresting Dutch ships in satisfaction for certain claims of his, which were afterwards sent over to Davison, the Agent in the Low Countries, for examination and settlement in due course (pp. 97, 106).

The Commissioners appointed for the relief of poor debtors continued to endeavour to persuade creditors to be content with less than was justly due to them, but not always with success, and amongst those for whom they used their charitable offices we find the bearer of a famous name, Sir Edward Bray, "prisoner in her Majesty's Bench" (pp. 93, 125), and, pitiable as was the condition of those who were confined in prisons for one reason or another at this period, we note that there were degrees in their misery, and that a prisoner who would not confess was relegated by the Council's orders "to the dungeon amongst the rats" in the Tower (p. 94), and when this treatment failed, was put to the question on the Rack (p. 111).

Welsh cases gave the Council much trouble, possibly because in the absence of Sir H. Sidney the Welsh Council found some difficulty in asserting its authority. Partiality or private quarrels interfered with the administration of justice, even in cases of murder or manslaughter (pp. 79, 116); claims advanced by Lord Leicester, either in his capacity of Chamberlain of Chester or as Master of the Horse, were resisted, and the offenders summoned to appear before the Council (pp. 99, 103, 126); sympathy with pirates was very common (pp. 87, 136), and lawlessness was rife on the Welsh Marches (p. 128). The unsettled

state of Scotland was faithfully reflected on the Borders, where the Southern Lairds—the Humes, Maxwells, Kers and Scotts—were generally Papists and adherents of Queen Mary, and the West and Middle Marches especially seem to have been troubled, as Lord Hunsdon is instructed to send 100 infantry from Berwick to Lord Scrope for service against the mosstroopers, difficulties afterwards arising as to the support of these men, some of whom it was proposed to convert into horsemen (pp. 7, 53, 73, 103). The disturbed state of the country naturally attracted all those who wished to escape the law, and the measures taken by the Bishop of Durham to hunt out recusants and Popish priests had considerably added to the population of the wilder portions of his See (pp. 79, 80). Towards the end of the year the thanks of the Council are officially sent to the Earl of Angus for co-operating with Lord Scrope, and it was hoped that he would continue to do so, "as the best course that can be kept, both for the quiet of the Borders and the increase of the love and liking between the subjects of both frontiers" (p. 104), and the anxiety to conciliate Scotland in small matters is shown by the release, without payment of Custom dues, of a cargo of Norwegian mares and colts for Scotland which had been detained at Berwick (p. 76). At this town the conduct of the Surveyor of the Works gave rise to great suspicion, as he persisted in making plans of the fortifications, but the Marshal of Berwick was instructed not to interfere with him unless he had absolute proof "of some dishonest practice" (p. 19), but, on the other hand, it was hoped that the complicated accounts of Sir V. Browne had at last been reduced to order (p. 81).

Offences against the coinage were very common, and sometimes seem to have been combined with a charge of conjuration (pp. 8, 62, 63, 83, 84, 115), and we note that in one case a portion of the forger's property was handed over to his family, under security, pending his trial (p. 113), but the scarcity of small change led to the issue of a local coinage of farthings at Bristol (pp. 75, 92, 116), which did not meet with the approval of the Council. Lewd words or speeches against the Queen, the Council or persons in authority were sternly punished, the Pillory being often used (pp. 5, 41, 48, 61, 69, 100, 108); the roads were unsafe in consequence of the depredations of highwaymen (pp. 47, 48, 100, 121, 124), and a

minute was passed by the Council for "repressing" the rogues and vagabonds who haunted the highways in the Home Counties (p. 99); the City watch was not above suspicion (p. 20), a foreigner was assaulted at the Exchange (p. 67), and the habit of bearing arms and taking sides in quarrels led to riots in the City, for which offence one of the Queen's servants was sent to the Marshalsea by the Council (pp. 117, 120, 124). The compounding of private disputes all over the country, chiefly about land and sometimes of very old standing, gave the Council much trouble, the negotiations being generally very protracted (pp. 6, 14, 23, 47, 52, 59, 66, 68, 96, 105, 110, 111, 117, 134), and whilst landlords in the country advanced claims to ecclesiastical buildings which were not accepted by the inhabitants of the district, as at Brentwood (pp. 12, 16, 34, 141), the rights of tenants in London not unfrequently required the interference of the Council (pp. 78, 89, 137). It seems to have been feared that the stock of partridges and pheasants throughout the country was being seriously diminished by the growing practice of taking them in nets and gins, and the poulterers of London were forbidden to expose these birds for sale for two years (pp. 39, 72, 81); fraud (p. 35), bankruptcy (pp. 15, 37, 66, 71), bill transactions and other mercantile cases (pp. 14, 49) give occasion for entries, and the orders of the Council as to the removal of the malt kilns from the town of Northampton seem to have been persistently disregarded (pp. 31, 33, 46, 106). Almost the most interesting entries, however, of this period are those which relate to Martin Frobisher's voyages to Cathay, or rather to *Meta Incognita,* and to the worthless cargo of *pyrites* which he brought home in September of this year, the first care of the Council being to prevent the publication of an account of the voyage which an enterprising Londoner had already translated into Spanish (p. 45). Two ships of the squadron, one commanded by Edward Fenton, had arrived at Bristol, and another in the Thames, and elaborate precautions were at once taken for the security of the precious cargo, but before the wished for profits could be secured by the Adventurers, some of whom had not been over willing to embark in the speculation, special furnaces had to be erected at Deptford, and provision made for the payment of the crews and the care of the ships until the following year, when a third expedition was to set out to bring home yet more of the glittering rubbish which could

be so easily secured. To provide, therefore, for these necessary expenses a call was made on the shareholders for £1,300, and in order that the financial position of the undertaking might be thoroughly understood an official Auditor was instructed to join the Board of Commissioners (pp. 7, 38, 44, 54, 55, 56, 135.)

The year 1578 was remarkable for the renewal of the negotiations for a marriage between Elizabeth and a French Prince. Ridiculous as this project appears to us from either point of view, it must be remembered that it was solely by means of these negotiations that Alençon was prevented from leading a French army to assist the Prince of Orange in his long struggle against Spain, Don John's unexpected victory at Gemblours in January had reduced the States to such difficulties that material assistance had become essential to them, and at first Elizabeth had, as usual, promised an army, which Leicester was to have commanded, Norris with a few volunteers being actually sent over, but the hot fit was soon past, and March saw Don Bernardino de Mendoza established as Spanish Ambassador in London (p. 203), a post which had been vacant since Don Guerau de Espes had been invited to leave the Realm. In despair the Dutch patriots turned again to France, and Alençon, now Duke of Anjou, whose brother, the French king, was but too anxious to get rid of him one way or another, would undoubtedly have led a French army to join the Prince of Orange had he not been opportunely diverted by a hint that Elizabeth might yet be induced to listen to his suit, despite the great disparity in their years. Anxious as were the Queen's subjects for a settlement of the vexed question of the succession to the throne, a French alliance would not have been popular in England, which might thus not impossibly have become a mere appanage of France, and it is said that when Alençon's messengers appeared at Audley End the object of their mission was still a secret unknown to most of the Council. Naturally the Register throws but little light upon negotiations which were so privately conducted, but one entry records a payment in respect of attendance upon Mons. de Baqueville, who was one of the first emissaries (p. 385), and another at the close of the year shows that suitable preparations were made to receive Mons. de Simier, who was to arrive in the following January with full powers to complete the negotiations (p. 437.) The other entries in the Register relating to France are of the usual nature, such as claims for compensation and recovery of pirates' plunder (pp. 173,

179, 180), but negotiations between the Queen's party in Scotland and the Guises were evidently kept up, a passport was required for certain Scottish Archers of the French King's Guard to return through England to their native land (p. 183), and suspicious Scotsmen passing through England on their way to France were detained at Rye, the authorities at Great Yarmouth being roundly rebuked for suffering them to leave that town with passports (pp. 346, 347, 351). Numerous complaints were made of the depredations of French pirates on our trade as a set off to the misdeeds of our countrymen (pp. 243, 267, 289), and though ships arrested on suspicion were released when nothing could be proved against them (p. 380), in two instances at least captured French pirates were to be sent under custody to London (pp. 332, 428, 429), and one remarkable entry shows that French Protestants escaping from persecution in their own land and wrecked upon the Isle of Sheppey were plundered of their goods, and that the Council had to make interest with the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, the Lords of the Manor of Sheppey, to obtain for them the restitution of their property (p. 182.)

Of Spain there is but little mention during this period. A new Spanish Ambassador had arrived, as has already been mentioned, but Antonio de Guerras, the Spanish Agent who had been an accomplice in so many intrigues, was still in the custody of the Sheriffs of London, and as his health was suffering from confinement, an entry relates that he was to be transferred to the care of Alderman Sir Rowland Heyward (pp. 210, 225). The fact was that in this year Philip of Spain, who was always most deliberate in taking action, found his hands unusually full. His troubles in the Netherlands were complicated by the possibility of French interference, and the sudden death of Don John compelled him to come to a decision as to his successor, whilst the death of Sebastian of Portugal in a battle in Morocco practically united the thrones of Spain and Portugal, as Sebastian's great uncle and successor, Cardinal Henry, was but a feeble old man to whom Philip was next in succession.

Early in the year 1578 Sir H. Sidney was informed that he was to be recalled from Ireland, as his methods of governing the country were too costly to please the Queen, but by the advice of his son Philip, who was then at the Court and about to be employed abroad (p. 240), he seems to have insisted on remaining in office until all fear of Stukeley's "practices" had been

removed by his death in Morocco and the destruction with him of the band of Italian adventurers whom he had collected for the invasion of Ireland. Though provisions were so scarce in Ireland that the towns of Galway and Waterford had been compelled to come to the Council for leave to import grain from England (pp. 184, 216), the Victuallers were still instructed to sell to the utmost advantage the stores which had been laid in (p. 185), when the news of Stukeley's projects made it necessary to send treasure to Ireland (p. 200), and to authorize the Lord Deputy to take the necessary steps for the defence of the country (p. 236). Bristol merchants who traded to Portugal were called upon to supply information as to Stukeley's designs, for he and his Italian mercenaries had already got as far as the Tagus on their way to the West, and the slaughter at Smerwick might have taken place a year earlier had not King Sebastian persuaded him to join his fatal expedition to Morocco before attacking Elizabeth in Ireland (p. 257). Ammunition and stores were hurried over (pp. 285, 289); the soldiers already warned for service in Wales and the Western Counties were called out, arrangements were made for their passage to Ireland (pp. 240, 241, 291), and young men of good family were encouraged to volunteer (p. 290). This was in the summer, but by September all pressing danger was over, and Sidney resigned his thankless office, Sir W. Drury, President of Munster, becoming Lord Justice (p. 318), and before the end of October we find the late Lord Deputy attending at the Council Table at Richmond (pp. 355, 359). The formal entries in the Register give us but little light as to the real condition of Ireland, but in June of this year a letter as to the state of the country seems to have been laid before the Council, possibly by the representatives of the English Pale, "containing the piteous state of that part of that country, and the most part of the injuries done as it would seem by the disorder of the soldiers," and in forwarding the letter to the Lord Deputy, who had always maintained that unpaid soldiers were a curse to the country, the Council thought it necessary to state that "her Majesty is persuaded that such grievous extortions suffered uncorrected maketh our Government more hateful to that nation than the exactions of the Irishry, the which they can many time and do redress or revenge themselves, where these wrongs cannot be reformed but by authority from the Governor" (p. 248). The Irish Bishops,

too, reported that the Reformation was making no progress in Ireland, and requested that some of their number might be allowed to come to England to make a fuller statement on the subject before the Council, but they were instructed that their presence was necessary in Ireland, and that they should therefore send over some duly qualified person to state their case to the Council (p. 420). Irish accounts had always been a great source of trouble (p. 371), as may well be imagined from the complicated system of making up a balance sheet such as that which was submitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by Henry Seckford, an Irish Victualler (p. 256), and at last a special committee of experts was constituted to consider the financial condition of Ireland according to the principles adopted in the English Court of Exchequer (pp. 400, 401). The Administration of justice, too, was often in feeble hands; Sir H. Sidney had asked for English lawyers as judges, but in July of this year the Lord Keeper, Sir Nicholas Bacon, was informed by the Council that two men whom he had selected for the Irish Bench were for various reasons unfit for the position, and he was requested to submit a fresh list for the Queen's consideration, and to be particularly careful in his choice because one of the places to be filled was that of Chief Justice of the Common Pleas (p. 275). The Irish Chancellor, William Gerard, who had been specially chosen by Sir H. Sidney, was himself in rather an ambiguous position, as in his capacity of Chancellor he was instructed, in company with the Lord Justice and the Irish Attorney-General, to enquire into certain claims to beneficial leases of the endowments of St. Patrick's, having himself received, like his predecessor Weston, a grant of the Deanery of St. Patrick's as an appendage to his office of Chancellor (p. 395).

The references to Scotland are not numerous during this year, the Queen of Scots being only mentioned twice, once in connection with the recent robbery of her jewels and once as to permission given to a Scot to visit her at Sheffield (pp. 158, 177). Scottish claims for plundered ships continue, the cargoes being principally fish and sheep-skins (pp. 155, 260, 362), and the English Government also had cause to complain of the depredations of a Scottish pirate who haunted the Isle of Man (p. 256). A permit was given for the export of beer for Morton's household (p. 166), but at this time the Regent's

position was more precarious than ever in consequence of Elizabeth's parsimony and vacillation, and when the young King James, though yet of tender years, was declared to be of age the Regent's authority was for the moment eclipsed. A few weeks only, however, elapsed before he regained his power, and the Abbot or Commendator of Dunfermline was sent on a mission to the English Court (pp. 288, 296, 297), with whose aid it was arranged that no reprisals should be made for the outrages committed by the Scottish Borderers, whose leaders were for the most part devoted to the Queen and the old Religion. That the state of affairs in Scotland was considered very critical may be gathered from the instructions given to the English Wardens to be ready to march to the assistance of the young King (pp. 306, 307), but shortly afterwards this anxiety seems to have disappeared, the English Agent, Bowes, was able to report that the Scottish King and Council approved of the execution of a mosstrooper, "according to the custom of the Borders," for intercepting a packet of letters (p. 342), and the Register contains a copy of an autograph letter written by the King to Bowes from Stirling, announcing that he had determined to give instructions to his Wardens to combine with their English colleagues to suppress "the insolence and misrule of the thieves that have so troubled the good subjects of both realms" (p. 357), though a subsequent entry seems to shew that this co-operation was not so loyally given as was hoped, Liddesdale being as usual a special source of difficulty (p. 384).

The allusions to the struggle in the Low Countries are not frequent amongst the entries of this year; Dutch herring boats taken from pirates were restored to their owners by the Court of Admiralty, in spite of the protests of others who claimed to be recouped for their losses out of the property found in the pirates' possession (p. 155); a hasty mission is sent over after the battle of Gemblours (p. 159), to be followed by the despatch of Lord Cobham and and Sir F. Walsingham in May, and an entry records that the Treasurer of the Admiralty was authorized to make certain payments in November in respect of the expense of bringing the Ambassadors home in a man-of-war (pp. 252, 308, 369). In London, the Lord Mayor was instructed not to levy contributions for the Training of Shot from the Low Country merchants trading in London, unless they were naturalized or denizens, inasmuch as they were "in this troublesome time,

besides their housekeeping, greatly charged for the present wars there" (p. 252), and sympathy with the sufferers took the practical form of an instruction to the Mayor and Society of the Staple to give favourable consideration to a petition from the inhabitants of Harlem and Leyden to be allowed to receive a certain quantity of English wool for four years (pp. 322, 370), but the hospitable instincts of the Council towards refugees were somewhat tried by the arrival of certain nuns who had fled from Mechlin, in consequence, no doubt, of the unsettled state of the country, whose friends were called upon to give security for their good behaviour, in the hope that by conference with some learned preachers they might be "reduced to conformity" (p. 355).

The domestic event of the greatest importance this year was, without doubt, the renewed outbreak of the Plague. London was probably never free from this infliction, which in ordinary years seems to have been taken very much as a matter of course, but in June of this year the City authorities were called upon to pay attention to the cleansing of the City "for the avoiding the infection of the Plague" (p. 245); in September the disease was still in the Fleet Prison, and the Lord Mayor was again reproved for his want of diligence in the relief of the sufferers, and was instructed to postpone the training of the City levies (pp. 325, 326), whilst Frobisher's ships in the Thames were forbidden to communicate with the shore, and the Lord Mayor's Feast was given up (pp. 334, 339). The approach of winter seemed to have no effect on the disease; Londoners had been forbidden to attend Canterbury Fair in September, but in November and December Guildford and Cobham Fairs were not held (pp. 362, 392), and the Michaelmas Sittings of the Courts of Law, including the Star Chamber, were given up (pp. 383, 386); the weekly certificates of the number of deaths were closely scrutinized (p. 387); the playhouses on the Surrey side of the river were shut up (p. 381), and though an entry on December 23 seems to shew that theatrical representations were allowed under certain regulations in the City, an entry on the following day gives us to understand that this privilege was only granted to the Children of the Chapel Royal and St. Paul's and to the private companies of players kept up by Lord Sussex, Lord Warwick, Lord Leicester and Lord Essex, on the ground that they were appointed to play before the Queen at Christmas (pp. 435, 436), and the College

of Physicians was called upon to report to the Council as to "some general medicine" for the sick, "the said preservatives for the poorer sort to be devised of such matter as may be of small cost, and to be had in all places where no apothecaries are," and also for advice as to the best means of cleansing and disinfecting clothes and bedding (p. 388), the letters which were shortly after sent to no less than fifteen shires in the southern half of England "for the staying of the infection of the Plague," no doubt containing the result of the deliberations of the Faculty (p. 413).

This year, 1578, practically saw the bursting of the bubble of *Meta Incognita* and its golden products. The Commissioners who were appointed to supervise the conversion of the "ore" into bullion were directed to make a call on the shareholders of twenty per cent. upon the value of their ventures (pp. 147, 148); the old Chapel in the Queen's House at Dartford was appropriated as a storehouse (p. 271), and the ore at Bristol was to be transported to the Thames (pp. 273, 274). As the ore appeared to be somewhat stubborn under the action of fire, it was supposed that by mixing some other mineral with it, to act as a flux, it might be more easily smelted, and the necessary materials were sought in various parts of the kingdom, at Saltash, Kendal, Keswick and elsewhere (pp. 156, 177, 398), but without result. Meanwhile, a third expedition was decided on, and care was taken to provide for the spiritual needs of the crews by the appointment of a chaplain, who held a living in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (p. 213). This expedition returned at the end of October (p. 366), whilst the Plague was at its height, and anxiety for the precious cargo caused the Council to be particularly solicitous as to the health of the crews, as has already been mentioned, but one at least of the squadron seems to have deserted Frobisher and returned prematurely (p. 359). An entry on October 21, which has afterwards been struck out, gives a sketch of the summary means which were to be used to collect the money necessary to pay the wages of the mariners (p. 353), and subsequent entries relate that the expedition having brought home more than double the expected quantity of ore, "whereby the charges of the freight thereof, and of the mariners and miners, are double the rate set down at the beginning," the sum of £6,000 was to be collected from the Adventurers in addition to £14,000 already contributed, the

assistance of the Lord Mayor and Master of the Rolls being invoked to compel the unwilling shareholders to pay up, so that the claims of the crews might be satisfied and the ships discharged, care being taken at the same time to preserve a record of the discoveries made by the expedition (pp. 366, 367). At the end of November, however, the crews were still unpaid and were clamouring for their wages (p. 392), and the Commissioners for the North West Parts were instructed to enquire what sums the Treasurer, Michael Locke, had really received, and how they had been expended, letters being eventually written by the Council to Lord Pembroke and the principal shareholders to demand payment of their contributions under pain of losing "all manner of benefit and privilege that may grow unto them by their former adventures made in the said voyages" (pp. 414, 415), whilst official Auditors were appointed to examine the accounts. A general call on the smaller venturers followed, in the form of a warrant, signed by one of the Principal Secretaries, to appear within five days before the Council, bringing with them the sums at which they were assessed, Sir W. Winter being one of those to whom this peremptory summons was addressed, and a general order was given to all officers to permit search throughout the country for such minerals as might be necessary to assist in smelting the refractory ore (pp. 417, 418), but on December 11, it was necessary to instruct the Sheriff of London and the Judge of the Admiralty to give protection to Michael Locke, and not to permit the owners of the hired ships to enforce their claims by arresting him according to the ordinary course of the law in such cases (p. 423).

As before, piracy gives rise to a large proportion of the entries in the Register of this year, the only satisfactory point being that in many cases the malefactors were apprehended (pp. 144, 154, 296, 318, 343, 351, 353). On the West Coast, Scotch corsairs shared the harvest of the seas with our own countrymen (p. 153), and on the East Coast a Lincolnshire haven affected by pirates acquired the appropriate name of Thieves' Creek (p. 141); the estuaries of the Thames and Severn were not safe (pp. 331, 381), whilst an ill-timed fit of economy (p. 283) may have contributed to interfere with the action of the Queen's ships (pp. 263, 270, 276), and induced the Council to issue Commissions under the Great Seal to private persons for the repression of piracy

(pp. 271, 273, 279, 293). Sympathy with the rovers, however, was still prevalent, especially in Wales (p. 411), and it seemed impossible to persuade the maritime population that property cast upon the shore by stress of weather might not be plundered with impunity (pp. 183, 198, 205, 330, 393, 405). Deaf as was the Queen to Spanish complaints against Drake, of whose exploits in the Pacific some rumours must have reached Europe in the course this year, the Council could not disregard the combined pressure of British subjects and foreign nations as to depredations in the Narrow Seas, the Danes, with their hands on the entrance to the Baltic (p. 266), being most urgent in their demands (pp. 146, 162, 193, 277, 280, 299), the Piracy Commissioners in the maritime counties were directed to take steps for the apprehension of pirates (p. 294), the Admiralty Court was constantly hearing the complaints of plundered traders of all nations, and issuing orders for the recovery of the booty (pp. 147, 159, 183, 192, 207, 314, 353, 390, 441), though in some cases local privileges interfered with the action of the Court (pp. 361, 428, 429, 436), whilst the fines imposed by the Commissioners for the crime of aiding and abetting pirates must have amounted to a goodly sum (pp. 136, 278, 405, 438, 441, 442), as we see that for a boat to be "touched with piracy, although against the owner's will," rendered it liable to condemnation (p. 188).

Though Philip could not yet make up his mind to enter the field formally against Elizabeth, the Inquisition was still a danger to reckoned with (p. 234), the adherents of the older form of Religion were now unremitting in their insidious attacks, and an entry on August 27 probably refers to the invasion of the Jesuits, who now began secretly to pervade the whole of England (p. 317). A priest was convicted in Kent for possessing an *Agnus Dei* (pp. 174, 178), and in various counties of England search was made for disguised priests (pp 325, 348, 400, 403); the importation of Popish books and vestments was strictly prohibited (pp. 143, 245, 246, 426), though occasionally an innocent person was convicted under the Statute of Præmunire (p. 397); the attention of the High Commissioners was called to the prevalence of Popery at Cambridge, and at Oxford the Visitor was directed to use his authority to purge Exeter College, in which there was said to be "divers very evil and obstinately affected against the present state of Religion established in this Realm" (pp. 217, 221, 295); the measures taken for the confinement of obstinate

ecclesiastics and recusants were continued (pp. 168, 182, 250), though only in one or two cases is it recorded that this treatment resulted in the conformity of the prisoner (pp. 204, 359), and the unhappy Francis Tregian was sent from the Marshalsea to Cornwall to take his trial with other Cornish Papists (pp. 249, 259, 276, 279). It was not, however, until the Queen's Progress into the Eastern Counties (p. 284) that a determined attack was made upon one of the great strongholds of Popery. When the Court reached Norwich many gentlemen of the best families in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Essex were summoned before the Council, and asked to explain their continual absence from church, and, on refusing to conform, they were all put under arrest in various places in order that they might receive the advice and ministration of the Bishop and other "learned preachers," but it does not appear that many were by this means induced to change their opinions (pp. 311, 315, 317, 320, 323, 327, 333, 340, 342, 372, 385). The same expedient was tried also in other parts of the county (pp. 329, 394), those whose repeated absences from England rendered them liable to suspicion were sent up to the Council for examination (pp. 227, 228, 309), and a sea captain who was supposed to act as a means of communication with foreign Governments was only released from the Marshalsea on finding security for his good behaviour for a year (pp. 282, 283, 289, 374). Strongly as the tide set against "Popish trumperies," the "due observation of Lent and Fish Days" was enjoined by general letters to all the counties (p. 156), the vagaries of the Family of Love were discouraged (pp. 332, 344), and a sect of Nonconformists who had set up "a Minister and Order of Service to their own fantasies," and used to meet in a "desolate place" in Gloucestershire, was sternly repressed (pp. 426, 427).

The references to the Church this year are but few, and do not give a good impression of the tone which prevailed in high places. Deaneries, as in Ireland, were held by laymen, Sir T. Smith being succeeded as Dean of Carlisle by William Wolley, "her Highness' Secretary for the Latin tongue," who reported that many of the Chapter and their tenants had been allowed to get into arrear with their payments, Lord Scrope, the Warden of the West Marches, being instructed to see that all arrears were paid up (p. 131); the Bishop of Chichester sold to a layman the next presentation to the Archdeaconry of Lewes, but nevertheless appointed his own chaplain as soon as a vacancy occurred,

and was advised by the Council "for his own credit's sake to make some good end of that matter," or else to appear before them to explain his action (pp. 286, 304); the question of the collection of tithe in the North, which was enforced by the tithe-farmers "to the spoil of the corn and the great hinderance of the tillers," was referred to the Lord President of the North, the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Durham (p. 290); the tenants of the Durham Chapter were not secured in their tenant right in spite of the arrangement described in the last Volume (pp. 151, 261), the present Bishop of Durham refused to recognize grants made by his predecessor for the maintenance of a school (p. 163), and fraudulent conveyances seem to have diminished the endowments of a Hospital in Durham (p. 233). The tenants of the See of Ely and Norwich had disputes with their Bishops (pp. 314, 323, 389), and the holder of the latter See, who was at variance with his Chancellor on the question of fees (pp. 320, 336, 394), made such heavy claims against the estate of his predecessor on the score of dilapidations as threatened to absorb the legacies which had been left to his servants and to pious uses within the city of Norwich (pp. 320, 336, 369, 390, 394). Queen's College, Oxford, failed to observe the conditions on which land in Berkshire had been devised to it, and Lincoln College in the same University, which had been placed in the position of trustee by the benefactor, was called upon by the Council to protect the interests of the tenants (p. 197). The parochial clergy were by Statute compelled to read the Articles in church within a certain time after presentation, and one way of getting rid of an obnoxious parson was forcibly to deny him access to the church until the statutory period had expired, a violent course of proceeding which came under the notice of the Council in two cases in which the right to the presentation was questioned (pp. 319, 350, 360, 361, 371), and whereas in one case an incumbent complained that the parishioners had stripped the lead from the roof of the vestry (p. 416), in another it appears that the Lord of the Manor, in addition to enclosing a common, had also "defaced" the church (p. 412).

Amongst the City Companies the Innholders are mentioned (p. 134), the Merchant Taylors (p. 140) and the Goldsmiths (p. 150). The Corporation of Spanish Merchants insisted on their right to prevent their members carrying on a retail trade, and were supported in the claim by the Council, which also

interfered to compel the members of the Muscovy Company to contribute towards the payment of large sums of money borrowed to defray "great losses sustained at the seas by pirates and otherwise" (p. 409). The Council also claimed the right to nominate Richard Martyn to be admitted a member of the Merchant Adventurers, "as well for the better advancement of her Majesty's service in the Low Countries, wherein he is to be employed presently, as for the good credit and countenance of that Company by the admitting of him into it" (p. 224), and called upon the Company to revise an unjust decision given by their representatives at Hamburg (p. 370). The cloth trade at home and abroad was carefully fostered by the Council according to their lights, the claims of Peter Blackborow, the informer, being strongly supported (pp. 24, 29, 34, 157, 238), but the petition of the Steelyard to be allowed to export a larger quantity of white cloth was refused until the Society should be able to satisfy the Council that the privileges of English merchants trading in Hamburg were not to be withdrawn (p. 301); the trade of the Capmakers was protected by Penal Statutes throughout England (pp. 341, 343); the growth of the gambling instincts of England is shewn by entries relating to Letters Patent restricting the importation of foreign playing cards, a monopoly which had been granted to two of the Royal Pensioners and infringed, curiously enough, by a man named John Hoyle amongst others (pp. 431, 434); but the claim of Great Yarmouth to close all fish markets near the town was resisted, though apparently without success, by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood (pp. 316, 339, 410); a monopoly which has, in name at least, been continued to the present day is also mentioned in the Register, as Christopher Barker, the Queen's Printer, was supported by the Council in his claim to prevent the publication by other London printers of certain books without his "mark or vignette" (pp. 168, 189, 240, 287, 288); and a claim, under Letters Patent, to the sole right of entertaining foreign merchants, alleged by the Archduke Matthias to be contrary to the Treaty of Intercourse between England and the Low Countries, was eventually confirmed by the Council (pp. 281, 378, 380, 401). Private quarrels (*passim*) occupied much of the Council's time, complaints were constantly laid upon the Table arising from the enclosure of commons, chiefly in the case of forest land, the destruction of fences and unlicenced pursuit of game being the forms of

protest usually adopted by those who considered themselves aggrieved (pp. 155, 359, 368, 375, 399, 402), but in one case a Prebendary of Canterbury denounced the enclosures from the pulpit, though he denied that he intended his sermon to apply to any particular case (p. 374). The course of law is proverbially slow, and the Council sometimes assumed the responsibility of increasing the delay by ordering a suitor "to forbear the prosecution of his suit" until he had appeared before them (p. 146), and many entries refer to cases in which, as at Drayton Bassett, the action of the law was anticipated by forcible entry into the contested estate (324, 333, 338, 344, 349, 352, 396). Lady Windsor's long struggle against the worthless husband whom she had divorced still continued, but without much prospect of her relief (pp. 255, 260, 355, 363, 375, 430, 435); and it was not until the end of the year that there appeared to be any prospect of closing the accounts of the late Treasurer of Berwick, so successful had been the means adopted by Sir Valentine Browne to conceal his shortcomings (pp. 139, 145, 266, 268, 425), but many entries show the continued solicitude of the Council for the relief of the poor debtors in the Queen's Bench, some of whom had cause to complain of the cruelty of their Keeper (pp. 204, 236, 317), the Commissioners being instructed to make a report in all cases in which they had failed to get the creditors to agree to a composition, "that thereupon their Lordships may deal therein according to equity and conscience" (pp. 199, 209, 251, 255, 294, 318, 338, 388).

Lewd words (*passim*) are still punished by exposure on the Pillory, as is also a case of extortion (p. 251), and offences against the coinage are constantly alluded to (*passim*), with or without an associated charge of conjuration or sorcery, whilst we note also a familiar superstition of the credulous and disaffected, the use of waxen images which, by their mutilation or decay were supposed to influence the health of those whom they represented (pp. 309, 322, 326); the Welsh manslaughter case still gave the Council much trouble (pp. 158, 161, 189, 209, 226), the authority of the Welsh Council being, as has already been mentioned, somewhat disrespectfully treated (pp. 203, 206); a bad harvest in 1577, which had occasioned great scarcity in the North (pp. 61, 181, 203), was succeeded by a more bountiful season in the following year, which encouraged the Council to relax the restrictions on the transportation of grain which are so constantly

mentioned in the Register (pp. 335, 364); begging licences and collections in church were recognised means of relieving deserving sufferers (pp .285, 441); and during the absence of the Court on Progress the Commissioners appointed to co-operate with the Civic authorities for the government of the City of London (pp. 284, 328) can have had no sinecure in the time of the Plague, not to mention the number of beggars and vagabonds who thronged the streets of the City, and the constant frays between the followers and hangers-on of men of good position which disturbed the peace of quiet citizens, whilst the increase of noxious trades within the limits of the City and its suburbs compelled the Council to insist on the Lord Mayor's refusing any extension of time to the soapboilers to use up their "naughty oils," as their Lordships were of opinion that it was "very convenient that the loss of such wares should be borne by themselves, being so few, than the harm and inconvenience to be suffered that may come to infinite numbers of her Majesty's subjects by the use of the said unwholesome soaps" (p. 440).

The constitution of the Privy Council was but little changed during the eighteen months covered by this Volume, the only death among the Privy Councillors during this period being that of Sir Thomas Smith, who, as noted in the last Volume, died on the 12th August, 1577. In his place Dr. Thomas Wilson, a Master of Requests, was sworn a Principal Secretary (p. 85) and presumably of the Council, though this is not directly stated. Sir Christopher Hatton was also sworn of the Council on the same day, 12th November, 1577 (p. 85), and took his seat at a second sitting held on that day; Lord Hunsdon was also sworn on the 16th November, 1577, and took his seat the next day, being a regular attendant till the time of the Queen's Progress in the summer of 1578, when he disappears from the lists, having, it may be presumed, returned to his government at Berwick.

Sir Henry Sidney resumed his seat on his return from Ireland in October, 1578, but appears to have only attended twice. The Earl of Bedford also only attended twice, being probably in Devonshire, of which county he was Lieutenant. Sir Walter Mildmay and Sir Ralph Sadler also attended only nine and five times respectively. The other attendants during this period were the Lord Keeper, Sir N. Bacon, whose name, however, does not appear very often, Lord Burghley, Lord Lincoln, Lord Sussex, Lord Arundel occasionally, Lord Warwick, Lord Leicester, Sir

Francis Knollys, Sir James Croftes, Sir Christopher Hatton and the two Secretaries, Walsingham and Dr. Wilson. It may be noted that Walsingham is called Sir Francis for the first time in the Register on page 308, though some authorities say that he was knighted "soon after" his appointment as a Principal Secretary in 1573. It would seem that he was knighted on the occasion of his mission to the Low Countries in August, 1578.

In this Volume the list of attendances, as also the place of meeting of the Council, is omitted in an unusual number of cases, probably through the carelessness of the Clerks, who appear, however, to have been in attendance at the Council Chamber even when the Council did not sit, as it is constantly mentioned that those who were bound by recognisances to appear before the Council discharged the obligation by appearing before the Clerks (pp. 122, 175, 191, 207, 218, 244, 303, 354, 413, 430), a proceeding which probably entailed the payment of a fee to those Officers, and perhaps also to Robert Langham, the Keeper of the Council Chamber, whose fee for a whole year's service, including money out of pocket, was but ten pounds (p. 203).

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Page 3, footnote, *after* "August 1," *add* "and 3."

„ 99, twelve lines from foot, *for* "Comniote" *read* "Commote."

„ 272, last marginal note, *for* "Felons' goods" *read* "A Suicide's goods."

„ 381, last marginal note, *for* "Premunire" *read* "Præmunire."

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ELIZABETH.—VOL. IV.

* xxvj *Julij*, 1577, Rychemond. p. 1.

Presente:

The Earle of Warwicke. Mr. Threasourer.
The Earle of Bedford. Mr. Secretarye Wallsingham.
The Earle of Leycester.

A letter to Sir Andrewe Corbett, &c., and Councell in the Marches of Wales, signiffyinge unto them that whereas heretofore there were certein lettres addressed unto them, aswell from the Quenes Majestie as from theire Lordships, for the puttinge of a certein nomber of footemen in a readines for the service of Irelande, yf neede shoulde so require, wherein theire Lordships thoughte good that they shoulde followe the order which not longe before uppon like occasion was sett downe by the then Lord President, bothe for the sortinge of weapons and choice of captens; forasmuche as theire Lordships are geven to understande that at the same tyme John Salisbury was appointed to have the conductinge of such as shoulde be leavied in the counties of North Wales, who, at this presente, for certein good consideracions, can not so convenyentlie be emploied that waies as he then mighte, theire Lordships have thoughte good The Welsh recruits.

* The entries for July 26 and 28 and August 1 and some entries for August 4 have already been printed in Vol. IX., but as there are some slight differences they are repeated here.

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to require the saide Sir Andrewe Corbett, &c., to geve order that in case yt shall so happen that the Lord Deputie shall sende for anye of the saide nomber oute of those partes, that then they woulde appointe Pyerce Salisbury, who is reported to be a very fytt man for that purpos, to have the charge which before was assigned unto thother.

xxviij *Julij*, 1577.

The Earle of Warwicke. Mr. Threasourer.
The Earle of Bedford. Mr. Secretarye Wallsingham.
The Earle of Leycester.

The religious prisoners.

Letters to the Deane of Caunterburye to receave Doctour Younge, to the Bishop of Lyncoln to receave Doctour Harpesfield, to the Bisshoppe of Wynchester to receave Doctour Wattson, to the Bishop of Elye to receave Doctour Feckenham, to remayne with them accordinge to certein orders sente downe with theire Lordships' lettres, the copie whereof remayneth in the Councell Cheeste.

p. 2. England and Scotland.

Lettres sent into sundrie portes for the takinge of bandes of suche as shall goe to the seas to be of good behaviour towardes the inhabitauntes of the realme of Scotland, accordinge to the copie remayninge in the Councell Cheeste.

Firste of August, 1577, Richemonde.

Erle of Bedforde. Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Leycester. Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Precautions against the Plague.

A letter to the Lorde Wentworthe, Mr. of the Rolles and Mr. Lieuetenante of the Tower, signifieng unto them that for thavoiding of the sicknes likely to happen throughe the heat of the weather and assemblies of the people of London to playes, her Highnes' pleasure is that, as the Lord Maiour hath taken order within the Cittie, so they immediatly upon

the receipt of their Lordships' letters shall take order withe suche as doe use to play without the Liberties of the Cittie within that county, as the theater and suche like, shall forbeare any more to playe untill Michaelmas be paste at the least, as they will answer to the contrarie.

Lewd words.

A letter to the Lord Bushoppe of London and the Recorder that wher one Jonas Meredith was, for certen lewde speeches by him uttered, lately apprehended and committed to the Gatehowse at Westminster, and for that as their Lordships are informed there are within London diverse adherents of the said Meredith, and whose names shalbe delivered unto them by the bearer hereof, a matter not to be slightly passed over without punishement, they are required to take order that such persons as the bearer shall nominate unto them be apprehended and brought before them, and to examyn them and according as they shall finde them culpable, either to committe them or to take sufficient bandes of them for their fourthecoming when they shalbe called for; and for their better proceeding in this examinacion they shall do well to use the confession of the said Meredith, and to charge them withall yf their be any already taken, yf not, to send for them hether, and to examyn them particulerly uppon these speches.

The thirde of August, 1577, at Richemonde.

* Mr. Threasurer. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Comptroller.

Welsh Adventurers.

A letter to the Erle of Worcester that wher they do understande by a letter from him of the xxviijth of the last that by vertue of a letter from their Lordships for the stayeng of such shippes as should be prepared to the seas in warlike sorte, he hath stayed aswell the shippe of Sir William Morgan, as also diverse others bound to the partes

* The names are entered in the margin.

of beyonde the seas, which was not meant in the said letter;
p. 3. and therefore in thabsence of the rest they have thought good to desier his Lordship, uppon the receipt of their letters, to take order that suche as shall appeare to be merchauntes, or intende any trade to the seas as fishing and suche like, be fourthwith released, and to reserve suche under arreste, and none others, as shalbe founde to be appoincted for warres.

iiijth Auguste, 1577, Richmond.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A private dispute.

A letter to the Erle of Shrewesbury that where they have receaved his letter of the xxvth of July concerning Sir John Zouche, signifienge his denienge any premonicion for his apparence before his Lordship for the examinenge of the quarrell betwene him and Sir Thomas Stanhoppe, his Lordship shall perceive by a copie of an answer under his owne hande that he denieth not but that he dealte with him therein, and determined to come had he not ben prevented by sicknes, as he may be throughly informed by Mr. Leveret of Newarke, whose counsell he used for his recovery; and herewith, if his Lordship shall not rest satisfied, uppon informacion from his Lordship betwene this and the beginning of Michaelmas Terme next (at which tyme they have appoincted both him and Sir Thomas Stanhoppe to appeare before their Lordships), they will not faile to take furder order therein for his better satisfaction and honour.

Popery in the West.

A letter to the Bishop of Exon signifienge the referring of the matter concerninge Mayne and the reste to the Justices of Assises, for the furder ordering thereof accordinge to lawe and justice, whome he is required to assist in all thinges that shall tende to the boulting out of the particularities of the truthe therein; and for their furder proceadinge with Robert Becket, Richard Tremayne and

Francis Ermyn, and taking of bandes aswell of them as also such others as apper to be founde out in his Visitacion for theire apparence here before their Lordships, according to a minute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the county of Cornewall, signifieng unto them that where they are advertised from the Bishop of Exon and other Justices there that they had knowledge of certen misdemeanours committed by one Mr. Tregeon and others in his howse contrarie to the lawes of this realm in matters of Religion, and theruppon his howse being sought ther was founde the persons of Cutbert Mayne, Williams and Harris, men notoriously knowen to be yll affected to the godly proceadinges of this Estate, where was founde sundry papers, books, bulles, *Agnus dei* and suche like pernitiouse trumperes, contrary to the lawes of this realme; they have thought goode to require them at their next Assises to examyn the said Mayne and the rest touching thereof, and also to understand what others ther are of that condicion lurking in this realme, and in what place, and furder to doe therein as is contayned in a minute remayning in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Cittie of London that where a voiage is taken in hand for a trade to Cathay, wherein her Majestie and their Lordships are venturers, to the greate commodity of the merchauntes of this realme, but especially of London, they are (notwithstanding their adventure) geven to understande that ther is yet wanting a greate somme of money which hathe ben layed out towards the settinge fourthe therof, and that also there are certen leude speches raised concerning the gaines that should ryse thereon; he is required to deale as effectually as he canne with some of the substancialls (*sic*) merchauntes of that Cittie (not being venturers) to contribute somuche thereunto as may ratably answere the overplus of that which hath ben layed out above the receipte, and furder to dew as in a minute remayning in the Councell Chest is conteyned. p. 4. Martin Frobisher's voyage.

Suspected pirates.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the county of Sowthampton that where, by order from their Lordships, there was committed to the gaole of Winchester one John Davy and Thomas Austyne, uppon suspicion of piracy, for that they understande that at their last Assises (noe matter being layed against them) they were quitte by Proclamacion and yet stayed, ymagining them to be charged with some furder matter from their Lordships, they are required at their next Assises, yf their shall appear no furder cause to staye them, immediatly to release them.

An escaped coiner.

A letter to Sir Thomas Mildmay that their Lordships understanding by a letter from him of the seconde of this present, together with thexaminacion by him taken touchinge the chardging of Henry Chittam of Much Bardfielde for coyninge of false money and conjuringe; for that, by thexaminacion of John Parker and his escape, it seemeth him to be guilty thereof, and therefore to be apprehended; he is required to make dilligent searche within that county after him, and yf thereuppon he shall understande the same Chittam to be out of the Sheriffes jurisdiction, then either to advertise so muche unto the officers wher he shall understande him to be at, or els to certifie their Lordships what he shall have founde, that furder order may be taken for his apprehencion; and for the clerer of him they are contented that, at his request, John Kent shoulde be bailed (puttinge in sufficient suerties to answere to lawe) to use all the waies he can to apprehende him; towchinge Thomas Cosse for that it appereth by thexaminacion of Pasfield that he was privy to thescape, it is also thought convenient that he likewise shoulde be apprehended, and thereupon to be ordered bothe accordinge to law, desiering as tyme shall serve to be advertised.

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The Black Assize at Oxford.

A letter to the Lord Norris signifienge the receipt of his letters of the xxvijth of the laste, whereby theyr Lordships are geven to understande that Sir Robert Doyly and George Davers appoincted to be Commissioners with his Lordship

for the restrainynge of engrossers of wolle, to be deade of thinfection taken at Oxforde, for that their Lordships knowe not what Justices of that shire are at this tyme able to serve that place, he is desiered to advise what Justices are fitte for that pourpose, and by vertue of their Lordships' letters to call two or three of them unto him, and joyne with them in thexecucion of such thinges as are recommended unto them in their Lordships' letters concerning brogers.

Repairs at Portsmouth.

* A letter to Sir Henry Radecliffe advertising that where for the amending of the breache lately made betweene the Square and the Round Tower at Portesmouthe, her Majestie hathe graunted a Privie Seale for so muche money as by a speciall estimate sent from the Surveyour and Master Carpenter hathe ben thought sufficient for the repairing therof; and for that comonly such under officers, as have the handling of her Majesties monney in suche cases are litle carefull to se the same well husbanded and employed to her Highnes' best comodite, he is required to have an ey thereunto, and to will the Surveyour to make his presente repaire hether unto their Lordships for the receapt of the monney, that the workes may be fourthwith taken in hande to be ended before the winter come on.

The peace of the Borders.

A letter to the [Lord] Hunsdon towching the outelawes and disordered people in the Northe, for a number of 100 footemen to be sente to the Lorde Scrope when he shall sende for them, accordinge to the minute to the same effecte remaining in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Lord Scroope signifieng the contentes of the foresaid letter, and other wise according to a minute remaining in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Sir John Foster, Lord Warden of the Midle Marches, to the same effecte, for keeping of peace and orders uppon the Borders and touching the matter of the Fenwickes

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* At this point end the entries in the Fair Copy, Elizabeth, Vol. III.

and Shastons, as is contayned in the minutes of the two former letters.

England and Scotland.

A generall warrant to all thofficers within this realme, aswell in places privileged as not privileged, to arreste and attache all goodes, wares and merchaundizes being brought in by pyrattes, and appertayning to the subjectes of the King of Scottes, as also for the delivering of them to Mr. Adam Fowlerton, appoincted by the Lord Regent for that following of those causes heere or to his Deputy, accordinge to the mynute thereof remayninge in the Councell Cheste.

p. 6. A letter to Sir Robert Wingfilde, knight, Robert Jermyn, Robert Ashfeilde and Thomas Pooly, esquiers, for their repaire to Aldeburgh for thexamining of suche as have any of the goods of the subjectes of Scotlande remayning in their hands, according to a minute remaininge in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that wher their Lordships are geven to understande by Mr. Adam Fowlerton, appoincted by the Lord Regent of Scotlande to followe certen causes here concerning depredacions don upon that nacion by pirattes, suspected to be her Highnes' subjectes, that their are certen good[s] and merchaundizes lately taken from the Scottes in Lowestoft Road and afterwarde brought to Folstone, besides Dover, where they presently remayne; for that for the maintenance of good peace and quiet betwene bothe realmes both her Majestie and the Lord Regent are on either part desirous to do justice, his Lordship is desired presentlye, uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters, to geve order to the Bailife of Folstone aforesaide, that dilligent searche be made within his charge for suche good[s] as are notified to have ben brought thether, whereof his Lordship shall receave a particuler note by the bearer, and after to take bandes of the best of them with whom ther goods doe remaine, for their apparence here before ther Lordships, and to deliver so muche thereof as shalbe challenged by the Scotche.

A letter to the Knight Marshall the (*sic*) where ther is one Richard Massy remaining prisoner with him for counterfeiting of a license for certen roges naming themselfes Egiptians, forasmuch as his wife hath ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships for him and that here there cannot be any direct triall hadd of thoffence, he is required fourthwith, upon receipt of their Lordships' letters (yf he shalbe able to put in two suerties to be bounde in the somme of xl^{li} for his apparence the next Gaole Delivery at Salop, where thoffence was committed) to sett hym at libertye. The forged licences.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete that wher there was committed to his charge by the Bushoppe of Winchester and others, the Highe Commissioners in the county of Sowthhampton, the person of George Cotton, esquier, for matter of Relligion; forasmuche as their Lordships are geven to understande by the frindes of the said Cotton, that a man of his is deade of the plage neere to the gent (*sic*) and have for thavoiding thereof, made sute unto their Lordships that he might be permitted to goe to his own howse, he is required, taking bandes of him in the somme of one thowsande poundes for his apparance before their Lordships the firste day of the next Term, forthwith to release him. The Plague.

5 of August, 1577. p. 7.

* Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Leycester. Mr. Comptroller.

A letter to Sir Henry Radecliff, knight, Captaine of Portesmouthe, signifieng the receipt of his of the seconde of this presente concerning the stayeng of one William Blandy, a person to be suspected for some intent of practise; for the finding out of his doinges he is desiered immediatly, uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters, to sende him uppe unto them under sure garde. A suspected person.

* The names are entered in the margin.

vij Auguste, 1577, Richemond.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Leycester.	Mr. Comptroller.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A riot in Essex.

A letter to Weston Browne, Sheriffe of Essex, for his apparence heere before their Lordships uppon Sonday next, the xjth of this instant, and in the meane while to forbeare the pulling downe of the chappell in Burntwoode.

A letter to Mr. Justice Manwoode that where upon some occasion of quarrell at the pulling downe of a chappell in Burntwood ther was committed certen women, to the number of 15, he is required immediatly uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters to sett them at libertie under baile, till furder order maie be taken for redresse of the disorder.

Passports.

A pasporte to Conrade Schetes, borne in the Lowe Countries, for his departure thether with her Majesties good favor, with licence to transporte the parcelles following; half dozen sworde blades, vj payer silke netherstockes of diverse coulors, xxiiij paire of gloves perfumed with orenge flowers, a lether jerkyn perfumed of like sorte, a paire of beades of amber weing an ounce, ij ounces of ambirgrice, and ij of muske, one emerald sett in goulde, a smale medall of golde of litle waighte, i par of gloves perfumed with ambergrice, and one hundred ducattes in coyne.

A pasporte for Arthure and Andrewe Bassany, brethern, and his man servauntes, to passe withe her Highnes' favor to Venice, and thence to returne withe all dilligence, with licence to carrie with them their necessary bagges and baggages, without staie or molestacion to the contrarye.

xj Auguste, 1577, Richemonde.

Erle of Lincoln.	Mr. Thresurer.
Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Sir William Cordall, Mr. Dr. Wilson and Mr. Dr. Dale, Mr. Fanchoe and Mr. Osborne, that where there hath ben stay made by the Lord Maiour of thexecucion of certen Letters Patentes graunted unto the Tallowe Chaundelers for the visiting of oyles, &c., by reason of some abuses used by the said Chaundelers by imposing certen sommes of money uppon those kindes of merchaundizes contrarie to right and equitie, they are required (for that the said Chaundelers are humble suiters to be released of the said staye), to call before them bothe suche as shalbe produced to testifie the abuses as also the said Chaundelers them selfes, and uppon examinacion of their informacions and replies of the said Chaundelers, to signifie what they finde thereof unto their Lordships. p. 8. The Tallow Chandlers.

A letter to the Bishop of Ely signifieng the receipt of his letter concerning the receaving of Dr. Feckenham and secluding of his servante, for that he founde him of his master's Relligion; he is commended for his care therin, how be it, in consideracion of the sicknes and weaknes of the said Feckenham and that there is lesse dainger in admitting his man, alreadie corrupted, then to hazarde a sounde body that maie be subject to corruption, he is required yf Dr. Feckenham's said servante shalbe contented to come unto the churche to admitte him to attende uppon his master, having notwithstanding regarde that having companie with his Lordshipps servantes, he doe not abuse him selfe. Dr. Feckenham.

A letter of assistaunce in the behaulf of the Alderman and Societie of the Stilliarde and one Adrian Garrek, for the recovery of a shippe and goodes taken by Hogges and Worolle, notorious pyrattes. Piracy.

Two Commissions unto Adam Fowlerton for the fynding oute, attaching and recovering of suche [merchandize] and goods as have ben taken from the nacion of Scotland by pyrattes, with the like authorite for the apprehending of the said pirattes, and examining of all suche as he shall suspecte to have ben dealers with them.

A letter to Sir John Arundell, Sir John Killigrewe, knightes, Richard Grenefeld, William Moon and Francis Godolphin, esquires, in form of a Commission to inquire for a certen shippe called Our Lady of Aransusia, laden withe iron, &c., taken uppon the coast of Galizia by one Capten Hix of Saltashe, whereby they are authorised to make
p. 9. searche within the haven of Helforde and other places thereaboutes, and if they shall heare that the said shippes and goods or any parte thereof in whose hands soever, to sease the same unto the use of the owner, and to certifye their doinges therein, that furder order maie be taken accordingly.

A private quarrel.

A letter to Lord Marques of Winchester and the Justices of Assises in the countie of Dorsett for thexamining of a quarrell betwene Sir Henry Asheley and George Turbevill, gentleman, according to a minute remaining in the Counsell Chest.

An imperfect entry.

A letter to the Lord Clynton that where there is a shippe called the Mary of Cane, taken by a pirate and brought into Somercott haven under his charge, and thereof seasure made; forasmuche as Robert Moulyn, owner of the said shippe, hathe ben an humble suter unto their Lordships for the restitucion thereof with the goods and furniture appertaining to the said Moulyn, whereof his Lordship may make noe default.

A mercantile case.

A letter to the Governour and Assistauntes of the Merchauntes Adventurers that where one Henry Huntley of London, of their Societie, hath borrowed, uppon the credit of one Theobalde Behem of Strasburg, one thowsand guilders delivered unto him at Franckforde, and dothe since verie unjustely use meanes of delaye and shift to defraude the said Behem of his due debte, they are required (in consideracion that the matter hathe ben comended unto the Queen's Majestie by the said towne of Strausburg) to call the said Huntley before them, and uppon estimacion of the matter (thestate whereof they shall receave under the hande of Mr. Dr. Aubrey), to make some suche finall ende thereof betwene them that the said Behem may rest

satisfied; whereunto yf the said Huntley shall not be brought, then to certifie their Lordships that furder order maie be taken accordingly.

Wallingford Bridge.

A letter to Raphe Pollington that wher their Lordships are geven to understand that of suche tolle as he hathe gathered for the repairing of Wallingforde bridge remainethe in his handes, the somme of xij^{li} xj^{s} iij^{d}, whiche he refusethe to paye unto suche as are appoincted to have the charge of the mending of the said bridge, he is required either to deliver the same monney unto them, orels to make his apparence here before their Lordships to signifie the cause why he dothe detaine the same.

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French salt detained.

A letter to Sir Henry Asheley mentioning the recepte of his wherein he signifiethe the sale of certen sault appertaining to Frenchemen, and withall that they cannot agree for the answering of suche charges as have byn disburced by his sonne and others to their use, howbeit they are suiters to have their shippe delivered unto them wherein the said sault was; he is required to putt them in possession thereof, and to permitte them to depart at their pleasures, but firste to deducte suche reasonable charges as they are answerable for unto his said sonne and the reste.

Claims of a creditor.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where one John Kember hathe ben a suiter unto their Lordships for the paiment of certen money due unto him by billes of the hands of one Lightfoot and Robins, deceased, whose goods, uppon their breaking, were by his Lordship's order seased and devided amongest the creditours; forasmuche as the said Kember informethe that there ys yet remaining of the proceeds of the persons aforesaid the somme of lxxx^{li}, and more, in the handes of Sir Thomas Offley, which he refusethe to paye, his Lordship ys earnestly desired in the behaulf of the poore man to geve order to the said Sir Thomas for the paiment thereof unto him in part of one hundred poundes, being the principall debt, or somuche thereof as his Lordship in conscience shall thincke convenient.

Dr. Watson. A letter to the Bishop of Winchester that where Dr. Watson hathe ben a suiter unto their Lordships to have a man of his owne to attende uppon [him] during his being in the custodie of the said Bishop, whereof although their Lordships [are] under difficultie, for that his man is of his Relligion, they are (*sic*) notwithstanding, uppon consideracion that it is lesse dainger to lett one already corrupted then a sound person to attend uppon him, he is required to permitte his saide man to attende uppon him, so he shalbe contented to repaire unto the churche, and withall his Lordship to take heede that, in using the companie of his men, none of them doe receive infection from him.

The defence of Southampton. A letter to Sir Henry Radcliffe, Sir Henry Walloppe, Sir Richard Norton, knightes, and others, for the visiting of the ordenaunces, munition and fourniture, as also the decaies of the Castle of St. Andrewes in the county of Sowthampton, the custodie whereof her Majestie hathe appoincted unto Simon Boyer, esquire, one of the Ordynarye Gentlemen Ushiers, uppon the viewe whereof they are to make their certificat, with an estimate for the repairing of the decayes.

p. 11. The Spanish Corporation. A letter to Thomas Chester, Thomas Kelke, Thomas Aldworthe and William Saltern of Bristoll to require all suche of that cittie as are retaylers and artificers trading Spaigne to forbeare any more to trafficque in that countrye, being specially prohibited by her Majesties Letters Patentes graunt for a Corporacion to suche as trade those contries, according to a minute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

The Essex riot. An Order sett downe by their Lordships concerning a matter in controversie betwene the inhabitauntes of Brentwoode and Weston Browne, esquire, &c.

The xvjth of August, 1577.

Presente:

The Lord Chamberlain. Mr. Threasurer.
The Erle of Leycester. Mr. Secretaire (*sic*).

A letter to the Erle of Worcester, their Lordships understanding that amongeste those shippes by him staied in those partes he did also make stay of a Scottishe shippe appertayning to one David Wyottie, and dothe notwithstanding their Lordships' letter for the release of suche as were not appointed fourthe in warlike sorte, as yet reteyne the same; theyr Lordships have thought good to require him (for that he is not her Majesties subjecte), unles it shall appeare that he dothe repaier unto the seas to thintent to use piracy, forthwith to sett him at liberty, and their Lordships' letters to be his warrant, &c. Release of a Scottish ship.

A letter to the Deane and Chapiter of Ely signifieng a graunt from the Bishop of an anuitie of xl^{li} by the yeare, for terme of lyfe, made unto Mr. Dr. Dale, one of the Masters of her Majesties Court of Requestes, whereunto he is to have their confirmacion, &c.; their Lordships have thought good (in the behaulf of the said Mr. Dr. Dale), earnestlie to desire them to confirme unto him the said graunt under their Chapiter Seale, and in so doing they shall thinck themselfes greatlie pleasured at their handes and geve their Lordships cause hereafter not to be unmindfull of their frindship shewed unto him. Grant of an annuity.

A letter of assistaunce for thexecucion of a processe graunted out of her Majesties Court of the Admiraltie at thinstaunce of the Counsulles of the Nacion of Spaigne, resiaunt at Bruges, for the arresting and stayenge of a shippe called the White Hart, with her tacle, &c., and fraight, as also for thapprehending and committing of his (*sic*) bodye. The Admiralty Court.

A letter to the Maiour of Rochester that where of late their Lordships sent a Messenger of her Majesties Chamber for the warning of one Christofer Andrewes of that town for his apparence before them, and are certified by him that the said Andrewes of purpose absentethe himself, he is required immediatlie uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters to make dilligent searche within his charg, where yf he shall p. 12. A Rochester culprit.

not be founde, then to lay waight that uppon his repaire thether he may be stayed, and sufficient bandes taken of him to her Majesties use for his apparence fourthwith before their Lordships.

xviij° Augustj, 1577.

* Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Leycester. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A Scot released.

A letter to John Ashe and Richard Asheforde, Sheriffes of the citye of Bristoll, that wher uppon staye made of one Joussye, Scottishman, uppon suspicion of piracye, ther was certen somes of money found about him ther seased by the Deputie Viceadmirall, as also certen money taken from him by them, to the number of 40 crones French and xx^{s} sterling, which they yet retaine; forasmuche as by order taken betwene the said Viceadmirall and Joussye suche sommes as the said Viceadmirall toke from him are repayed unto him, they are required also of their parte to make presente payment of the said 40 crownes, &c., unto him, and thereof not to faile as they will answer to the contrary, and uppon their refusall to make their apparence before their Lordships.

A Danish claim.

A letter to my Lord Clynton on the behaulfe of one Cornelis Cornelison, that where staie was made of a shippe brought in by one Launce, a pyratt, into the haven of Englemens in the county of Lincoln, laden with rye; forasmuch as the King of Denmark, by his private letters, hath recommended the case unto her Majestie, he is required not only to make present delivery of the shippe and fourniture unto the said Cornelis Cornelyson, but also by vertue hereof to cause suche persons as bought parte of the rye there, sould by the pirate before seasure made of the said shippe, to make redelivery thereof unto the said Cornelison or the value of the said corne, and such as shall refuse so to doe

* The names are given in the margin.

to bynde them for their apparence before their Lordships fourthwith.

A letter to George Powlett, esquier, Deputy Governour of the Isle of Gersey, in answere of his letter concerning his advertisementes and attemptes pretendid againste the Isles by Capten La Roche, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Chest. The Channel Isles.

A letter to Sir Henry Radecliff, knight, by the which ther is committed unto hym the care and the oversight of the workes appoincted at Portesmouthe for the repairing of the breaches made betwene the two Towers, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Chest. The works at Portsmouth and Berwick.

A letter to the Merschall of Barwicke wherein he is thancked for his care and paynes taken about the workes there, but where he taketh occasion to finde faulte with Rowlande Johnson, Surveyour of the Wourkes there, with his taking of plottes of the said towne and workes, surmising the same to tende to some dishonest practise, whereof their Lordships do see noe cause to disallowe onles he be able particulerly to charge him therewith, for that he is sufficiently warranted therunto by vertue of his Surveyourshippe; and, concerning the staie of him, sithe he is willing to depart thence and that his beeing there dothe rather hinder then furder the going forwarde of their doinges, it is thought not amisse that he suffer him to depart till some furder order may be taken withe him, signifieng unto him from their Lordships that yf he shall continewe that frowarde dealing it wilbe to their Lordships' great misliking and his smale advauncement. p. 13.

A letter to therle of Worcester that where uppon letters directed unto his Lordship for the staye of certen shippes appoincted to the seas in warlike manner, and, namely, a shippe prepared by Sir William Morgan, whereof he made stay according to the contentes of their Lordships' letters sent unto him for that pourpose; forasmuche as the said Sir William Morgan hathe assured her Majestie and their The Welsh Adventurers.

Lordships sithe his repaire hether that he will forbeare to proceade in a voiage by him intended, which was doubted might have bredd some offence to some of the Princes, her Majesties neighboures, her Highnes'. pleasure is that the said shippe be released, and therefore doe pray his Lordship to geve order accordingly; and where it is infourmed that sithe his repaire hether certen lewde bruites have ben spredd by him in that country to his great discreditte, as that he should have ben committed to the Tower, &c., it is thought meete, and so his Lordship is required, to thende it maye appeare that the gentleman uppon his desertes is well thought and accompted of both by her Majestie and their Lordships, and that there is care had for the maintenance of his reputacion and creditt, that suche as his Lordship shall understand to have ben spreaders of the said bruites be by his order effectually punished.

An escaped prisoner.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where ther ys yet remaining in prison one Thomas White and Henry Russell, committed for thescape of Nippeville throughe their Watche, who have ben humble suiter unto their Lordships for their deliveraunce; forasmuche as it appeareth not by the examinacions taken by him in that matter that they are to be towched with any corruption towching the said escape, their punishment is thought sufficient for their negligence in that behaulf, and therefore is required to cause them fourthwith to be sett at libertye, and their Lordships' letters to be his dischardge in that behalf.

p. 14. xixth August, 1577, Richmond.

* Erle of Leycester. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.

Victuals for Ireland.

A letter to George Wynter, esquier, that where by the Quenes Majesties order and appoinctement he had charge to

* The names are given in the margin.

continew in that service but for ij monethes to be ended the xiijth of the next monithe of September, and for that tyme receaved his victualles, he is now geven to understand that her Majestie, for certen causes her movinge, hathe eftsones ordered that according to his instructions he shall continew that service untill the laste of the said next monethe, and to that ende order is geven to Edward Baishe for a masse of victualles to be provided to serve him for that tyme, which with all speede shalbe transported from Bristoll to Waterforde, whereof it is thought good to geve him knowledge to thende he may meete them by the waye, yf not, that then he put over to Waterforde and receive those victualles there.

The works at Portsmouth.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where her Majesties pleasure is to have those breaches lately made by violence of the sea at Portesmouth to be fourthwith repaired, and for that purpose hathe signed a warrant for so muche money as shall suffise for the doing thereof, and for that (the wynter approcheing) yf dilligence be not used her Majesties charges wilbe farr greater the next year, it is thought meet that the Surveyour and Master Carpenter there shall use all dilligence for the doing thereof; and for that they shall neede a Commission under the Greate Seale for the pressing of workemen and taking uppe of other necessaries requisite for that service, his Lordship is required that such a Commission may be fourthwith delivered unto Richarde Popingeay, the bearer, to be made to him and the Master Carpenter according to a mynute inclosed.

The xxjth of August, 1577, Richemond.

* The Lordes as before.

The Prince of Condé.

A letter to the Prince of Condy, in Frenche, in the behaulf of Thomas Bonham, gentleman, for the restoreing of his

* Written in the margin.

shippe there stayed by the said Prince and yet retained, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Chest.

Piracy. A letter to Captain Horsey for the stayeng and arresting of a shippe belonging to Christofer Androwes and others, remayning at Portesmothe or theraboutes, being chardged with diverse spoiles to have ben by her committed uppon diverse subjectes of the Princes, her Majesties neighboures and alies, and especially on the Scottes; he is also required to examyn those that have the conduction of the said shippe, and yf he shall finde them culpable to committe the chiefest of them, and thereuppon to certifie his doinges unto their Lordships.

p. 15. The Plague in London. A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that where of late he was admonished by the Secretarie that to prevente the dainger of the sicknes in the Cittye he shoulde have regarde thereof, and to that ende shoulde cause as (*sic*) suche howses as either were knowen or suspected to be towched with the same infection to be shutte uppe and the people prohibited to goe abrode, which admonicion notwithstanding there is no care had thereunto, whereof (to be plaine withe him) their Lordships cannot but greatlye mislike, considering that he beinge the hedd officer of the principall cittie of this realme, with the rest of his britheren shoulde so tender the weale thereof that it shoulde not be needfull for others to put them in remembrance of their dueties; he is therefore required and in her Majesties name straightly comaunded that dilligent inquirye be made of suche houses as are infected, and to cause them presentlye to be shutt up, be they persons of what degree or qualitie soever, and a speciall mark sett uppon the same that it may appeare to be infected; and for the poorer sort who have not to relieve them selfes but by going abrode, it is thought meete that a contribucion by way of collection be made amongest them, and the same bestowed and delivered unto them for their sustinance till suche tyme as it shall please God to ceasse the said contagion, or that it shalbe founde that their coming abrode be [not] therein dangerous for others.

A letter to Sir Henry Cobham and Sir Thomas Walsingham that where it is informed that the fishermen of Barking, Picardie and other places thereaboutes, that farme the water of Plumsted and Eareth Marshes, have and doe greatlie hinder the worke in hand at the great breache by passing to and fro withe their boates over the same, and that John Sevart, chiefe workeman there, sustaineth great losse thereby, they are required to call before them the fermers of those waters and, finding the informacion true, straightly to charg them in her Majesties name that they come not under pretence of fishing or otherwise within ten roode of the same workes with their boates, and yf after prohibicion geven they shall not forbeare as before, then are they required to punishe them effectually for their contempt. A breach in the embankment of the Thames.

A letter to the Lord Delaware that where there is complainct made unto their Lordships that he dothe witholde the last will and testament of Thomas Waineman, esquier, his sonne in lawe, lately deceased, with other writinges from William Norrys, whereby he is authorised as executor to make sale of certen of the said Wayneman's landes to paye his debtes, he is required fourthwith uppon receipt of their Lordships' letters to make his repaire hether, and to bring with him suche writinges as he hathe of his concerning this matter. A will detained.

At Otelandes, the seconde of September, 1577. p. 16.

Lord Threasurer. Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leycester.

A warrant to Thomas Henneage, esquire, Threasurer of the Chamber, to paie or cause to be payed unto Roger Robinson the somme of xxvij^{li} vj^{s}, acording to a bill of the particularities which he is to receive therewith, by him disburced for post horses and guides to conducte the Ambassadours of the Emperor and Don John de Austria A Spanish Embassy.

to Windesor, Hampton Courte and other places by her Highnes' appointment.

Trade with Spain from Bristol.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll and his britheren that where heretofore by order from her Majestie they were required to kepe in a readines certen vesselles for the transporting of certen men appointed to be sente into Irelande, and where by their letters addressed unto their Lordships they desire (the vintayge approching) that the staie heretofore made of their shipping maie be released and they permitted to repaire unto Spaigne, they are don tunderstand that their Lordships are contented to yeilde to their desier, so that they foresee in the meane tyme that, yf any occasion shall happen, so manie as shalbe needefull for the transporting of the nomber appointed to be there imbarcqued be alwaies in a readiness at suche time as it shalbe required.

The wool and cloth trades.

A letter to ———————— that where their Lordships are latelie geven to understande of certen person[s] of their Companie (whose names they shall receive in a schedule inclosed), that have continued the buyeng of wolles within the towne and shire of Northampton, and the same have soulde againe within the realme at hiegher prices, to the greate decaie of clothing within that shire, which yf it should not in tyme be refourmed might breed greate inconvenience to the whole realme; their Lordships have therefore thought good to geve them knowledge thereof, and doe advise them that such order maie be taken herein that there be no furder cause of complainte; requiring them in the mean tyme dilligently to inquire for the persons now faultie, and them or as many of them [as] they shall justly prove to have offended herein to punishe according to their severall desertes.

Shedula.

John Bryan of Northampton.
Thomas Harris of the same, merchaunt.
Rafe Freeman,
Henry Freeman,
Barthelmew Freman,
} britheren and merchauntes.

George Clifte of London, merchaunte.

Richard Smithe, servant to Mr. Garraway of London, merchaunte.

Richard Twickton of London, merchaunt.

A letter to ——— ——— that whereas notwithstanding her Majesties late Proclamacions and other directions sent abrode into the countries by letters from their Lordships for the prohibiting of suche as shall buy wolles either by licence or under pretence thereof, to the intent to sell the same againe at higher prices to the im- p. 17. poverishing of the clothiers them selfes and a greate number of spynners and other poore people, whose only mainetenance dependethe only uppon making of clothe, but amongeste the reste two especiallie, whose names are Bowde and Leare, inhabiting within the towne of Norwiche, by their deputies have and doe dailie buye great quantities of wolles within the towne and shiere of Northampton, and do still sell the same within the realme to their most privat gaine and commoditie, contrarie to the lawes and orders in that behaulfe provided; they are therefore required and in her Majesties name commaunded that with as convenient speede as they maie they make staie of all suche wolles as the said Bowde and Leare have so bought and are nowe in their possession within his Libertie, and to sende unto their Lordships a note of the quantitie and value thereof to be soulde presentlie, as also at what prices and where they bought the same; they are also required to take good and sufficient bandes aswell of the said parties as of their deputies to her Majesties use for their undelayed apparence before their Lordships, yf they shalbe founde within their Libertie, at a day to be by them appointed, that they maie be proceaded againste for their contempt in that behaulfe.

Unlicenced publications.

A letter to the Bushoppe of London signifienge unto him that where there hathe ben latelie published to pamphlettes, the one concerning a straing accident sade to have happened within the parishe churche of Boungy, neere unto Norwich, and the other towching the late mortallitie at Oxforde; for

that their Lordships (considering the vanitie of the pamphlettes) do not a litle mervaile at the folly of the authors and the bouldnes of the printers presuming to put it to the printe without his Lordship's privitie, he is required to make dilligent inquyrie after the said authors and printers of the pamphlettes, and to cause them fourthwith to make their apparence before their Lordships to answere their doinges in that behaulfe; and for avoiding of like inconvenience hereafter to charge all the printers within the Cittie that they do not print any thing whiche hathe not ben before that tyme printed without making him acquainted therewith, except they shall be warranted thereto either from her Majestie or from her Privie Councell.

At Otelands, the iiijth of September, 1577.

Lord Threasurer. Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.

Recovery of possession.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countye of Sowthampton for the delivery of the execucion of a Statute Merchaunt for the delivery of the possession of a howse and landes in the occupation of John Hastinges, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

p. 18. The vth, at Purforde.

* Lord Threasurer. Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A privateer.

A letter to the Captaine of the Isle of Wight that where he signifiethe by his letter the repeire of Edward Denny, gentleman, with two prises unto the Isle, whereof the one a Frencheman and the other a Spaniarde, and what order is taken for the releasing of the said prises; he is required to signifie unto the said Deny from their Lordships that

* Names given in the margin.

fourthwith he cause his owne shippe to be brought in to some safe place within the Isle, where she maie remaine, and he him selfe discharging all his companie, saveing some to kepe his said shippe, to make his presente apparence before their Lordships, and thereof not to faile as he will answere to the contrarie uppon his allegeance.

The works at Portsmouth.

A letter to the Surveyour of Portesmouthe that where there is complainte made by the Captaine there that, contrarie to their Lordships' appoinctment, he made him not privie with the beginning of the workes, &c., he is required fourthwith to make his apparence before their Lordships to answere thereunto.

viijth of September, 1577, at Otelandes.

* Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Leycester.	

Letters of summons.

Three letters for apparences before their Lordships.

ix of September, 1577, Otelandes.

Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Mayor of Dover.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where not long since, at his instance, uppon som strief among the inhabitantes of Dover for the ellection of a Maiour, their Lordships directed their letters to the Maiour for the tyme being, the jurattes and comons of the same, advising them to make choise of one Thomas Androwes, recomended unto them to be a fitte person for that pourpose, who contrarie thereunto (as appearethe by a letter from his Lieuetenante) have proceded to the ellection of one John Robins, whereuppon hathe risen a tumulte to the great disquieting of them all; for redresse whereof it is thought convenient that his Lordship shewing

* Names given in the margin.

them their Lordships' letters, by vertue thereof to charg both parties to forbeare for a tyme to deale any farder in their election, and thereof not to faile as they will answer to the contrary at their perilles; and in the meane tyme to binde the said Robins and one Thomas Warren and others, the principall of that partie, for their apparence before their Lordships to answer thereunto; and for the better finding out of the manner of this disorder to send some sufficiently acquainted therewith unto theyr Lordships to signifie the same at larg unto them.

A post[script] for the apparence of Androwes and the principall of his partie.

p. 19. English pirates. A Commission of all Viceadmiralles, &c., to make dilligent searche and inquirie, aswell within Liberties as without, for certen lynen clothe, cheese and other merchaundizes latelie taken from certen Hollanders to the number of xiiij shippes by Phippes and White, notoriouse pyrattes, and thereuppon to make delivery thereof unto Thomas Standley and Arnold Arnoldson, or the berer in their names whosoever, and the buyers, receivers or conveyers of any parte or parcell thereof to bynde in sufficient bandes to her Majesties use for their apparence fourthwith before their Lordships, and to geve order that dilligent care be had for the apprehending of the principall pyrattes, or any of theyr companie, yf hereafter they shall happen to come on lande in those partes.

A letter of the same effecte to the Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Fyve Poartes.

A passport. A pasport for Richard Wisham, servant to Sir William Drury, for post horses for him self and two of his fellowes.

The decay of the cloth trade. A letter to Sir Henry Sherington, Sir John Davers, Sir John Souche, Sir James Marvyn, knightes, in the county of Wilteshire, that where her Majestie is crediblie informed that throughe the not putting in execucion the lawes concerning clothiers and clothe making diverse townes of this realme are latelie decayed, the inhabitauntes and artificers living by the same greately spoiled and impoverished, the realme by those defaultes dishonered, and her Highnes de-

frauded of her custome heretofore had by the same, and wher her Majestie is desierowse to knowe the causes of this inconvenience, to thende that some speedie reformacion maie be had therein, they are earnestlie required in her Highnes' name to call before them, or any three of them, suche sufficient and able persons in the knowledge of clothe making, as can and will open thabuses thereof, and especially one Peter Blackborowe, who by his often complainte made in that behaulfe hathe ben an humble suiter to have the same reformed, and by vertue of theis our letters carefully to examyn the causes of the said abuses, and how, by the opinions of those whome they shall examyn in this case, they maie be duelie redressed; which being don with as muche conveniente speede as they maie, they maie not faile fourthwith to advertise their Lordships, together with their opinions in the matter, that furder order maie be taken accordingly.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Pointz, Sir Giles Poole, Sir John Tracye and Sir Nicholas Arnolde, knightes, in Glosestershire, to the same effecte.

An other letter to Sir John Clifton, Sir Gorge Rogers, Sir John Stowell and Sir Henry Porteman, knightes, in Somersetshire, to theffecte aforesaide.

* 11 September, 1577.

A letter to the Sheriff of Hampshire for the staie of a *liberate* against Mr. John Hastinges, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste. Legal proceedings stayed.

* 12 September, 1577, Otelandes. p. 20.

This daie Mr. Francis Tregion, sent for by letters from their Lordships, dyd enter his apparence. An appearance.

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* No attendances given.

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13 *Septembris*, 1577.

Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Leycester. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Surveyor of Portsmouth.

A letter to Sir Henry Radecliffe, Captain of the towne of Portesmowthe, signifieng that their Lordships, uppon receipt of his letter concerning the frowarde dealing of Popingeay, the Surveyor, they caused him to appeare before their Lordships and charged him withe contempt of their Lordships' letters and the litle respect he had towardes him, being in the place he is for the service of her Majestie, for which his facte their Lordships dyd immediatlie committe him to the Marshallsea, where he hathe remained ever since; and where nowe uppon his punishment he hathe submitted him selfe, their Lordships are contented therefore to release him, the rather respecting the necessitie of his service in those workes, and have thought good to returne the said Popingeay unto him, not doubting but that he will hereafter be more circumspecte in the like, and both behave himself towards him with that duetie that appertainethe; and to thende he maie not alter any parte of the plotte that was first aggreed on, unles it shalbe by his consente, and that for the better service of her Majestie and saving of charges, whereunto he is prayed to have an especiall eye, their Lordships have sent unto him the said first plotte, whereby he shall from tyme to tyme easelie perceive yf he shall alter anie of that course, and therein to use his discreacion accordinglie.

15 *Septembris*, 1577, Otelandes.

Erle of Lyncoln. Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leycester.

A false alarm.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell of the Marches of Walles that where they are geven to understand from the Lord Deputie of Irelande that he hathe latelie directed his letters unto them for the sending over of the number

appoincted to be in a redines under their charge, and uppon his letter to be immediatlie sent over into Ireland; forasmuche as the said Lord Deputie onlie by suche advertisementes as he hath received from their Lordships containing some likelihoode of attempt to have ben made by La Roche in that realme hathe nowe written his said letter unto them, their Lordships finding that there is noe necessitie of the sending of them thether at this time, doe thincke it convenient and so requier them to make staie of them, keping the nomber notwithstanding as they have don hetherto in that readines that yf hereafter it shalbe needefull to use them they maie be imployed for that service accordinglie.

A letter to Justice Sowthcotte, Sir Owen Hopton, Peter Osborne, and Mr. Owen that where complaincte hath ben made unto their Lordships by Humfrey Bowlande, servaunt to the Erle of Warwick and one of the inhabitantes of the Tower, of Creach, Busshoppe [of] Armaughe, now prisoner in the Tower, of a most wilde and ungoldlie (*sic*) facte committed uppon a young childe of fyve yeares olde, daughter to the said Bowlande, they are required to assemble their selfes together and substancially to examyn the matter, and to geve order for their better informacion that she maie be visited by some wymen to be by them appoincted for that pourpose, and to advertise what they shall finde thereof, to thende that uppon proofe of the matter furder order maie be taken for the due punishment of so greate a villanye. p. 21. A crime in the Tower.

At Otelandes, the xvjth of September, 1577.

John Blithe, George Kendrick, John Ainesworth and John Greene of the towne of Northampton, being bound before Henry Wandley, Mayour there, to appere before their Lordships made this day their apparaunces. Offenders from Northampton.

John Mercer of the towne of Northampton, being bounde as the parties before, made, this day, also his apparaunce.

xixth of September, 1577, Otelands.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A stay of proceedings.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice that where there is depending before him in her Majesties Benche a write of errour (*quia coram vobis resider*), betwene Thomas Decons, gentleman, plaintife, and the Lord St. John of Bletsoe and Agnes his wife, defendants, for the reversall of a recoverie hadd in a write of entrye againste Frauncis Decons, deceassed, of the Mannour of Goldingtone, *alias* Goldington Hall, in Litleington, in the countie of Bedds, nowe the inheritaunce of Thomas Snagge, esquier; forasmuch as the said Thomas Snagge is presentlie appoincted to serve her Majestie as her Attorney Generall in the realme of Irelande, and for that cause shall not be able to followe the matter himself, he being best acquainted therewith and of greate consequence unto him yf by meanes of his absence the same shoulde
p 22. take lacke, he is therefore in her Majesties name required to make staie of the said matter that it be noe furder proceaded in by his adversaries untill suche tyme as it shall please her Highnes to call him home againe, when he maie have convenient tyme and meanes to answere the said suite, and thereof not to faile, &c.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that where their Lordships are geven tunderstande by Mr. Snagge that there is depending before his Lordship [a suit] concerning hym betwene Joanne Scrogges, wydowe, committee of the bodie of Oliver Scrogges, her Majesties warde, plaintife, againste William Clark, gentleman, defendant, for the parsonage of Ronhall *alias* Reynolde, in the countie of Bedds, and for a Close called Adingraves and certen groundes called Chantrie Landes and Chanterie Closes in Raynolde aforesaide, nowe in lease for lx and odd yeares to the said Mr. Snagge; forasmuche as by reason of his absence (yf in the meane while staie be not made of the said suite) it maie be greatelie prejudiciall unto him, being best acquainted with those matters

that touche him self, her Majesties pleasure is that his Lordship do cause staie to be made thereof, and that there be noe furder proceading therein by his adversaries untill suche tyme as it shall please her Highnes to call him home againe, that he maye convenientlie followe his owne causes him self.

xxjth of September, 1577, Otelandes.

Lord Admirall.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Pirates at Hull.

A letter to the Lord Keper of the Greate Seale of Englande that where there are latelie apprehended by the inhabitantes of the towne of Hull certaine pyrates remaining there at this presente under salfe custodye, he is required from her Majestie that by vertue of her Highnes' former warrant he graunt out a Comission of *ouyr* (*sic*) *and determiner* to suche Commissioners whose names were [sent] unto him herewith that they might procede againste the said pirates fourthe with according to lawe.

Malt kilns at Northampton.

A letter to Sir John Spencer, Sir Richard Knightly, knightes, and Edward Only, esquire, that where there hath appered before their Lordships certaine persons of Northampton having maulte killes within the towne, that are charged with contempt for not obeying suche orders as were taken for the avoiding of the danger of the saide killes by fyre; forasmuche as uppon the hearing of them they seame to allege resonable cause why they could not followe the saide orders, p. 23. howe be it for that their Lordships are desirous to understand the truethe of their allegacions, they cause the said persons to staie here and to require them to repaire to Northampton and there to examine the substance of their said allegacions, as also whether by their engrossing of barly for the making of mault [they] doe cause any dearthe thereof, or is any distresse unto the poore of that towne who make bread of barly for relief, and thereof to advertise their Lord-

ships fourthwith; they are also required to examine the Commission of one George Kendrick, who is reported to be a verie lewde person and a leader of the comon sorte of the people to disobedience by his example, and thereof to certifye what they fynde.

Ipswich cloth merchants.

A letter, in Frenche to the States of Hollande and Zellande on the behalf of the merchantes of Ipswiche, desiring them not to delaye the agrement and satisfaction betwene them and the saide merchantes for certaine clothes by them staied and solde belonging to the merchantes aforesaid aboute a yere since, but that the said agrement made by Paul de Bus, at the instance of the Prince of Orenge, maie stande and be in all pointes accomplishe[d] accordingly, &c.

The Brentwood riot.

A letter to the Justices of the Peace in the countie of Essex that where aboute the beginning of August laste there grewe a strife betwene Weston Browne, esquier, Sheref of that countie, and the inhabitauntes of Burntwoodde, concerning the possession of a chappell standing within the towne, whereunto he layenge claime, as part of his inheritaunce, woulde have debarred the said inhabitauntes from the use thereof for preyer and preachinge, and where certen women of the towne, aggreved with the doinges of the said Weston Browne for that he had removed and carried awaie the pewes, &c., of the said chappell, dyd by meanes enter into the same, pretending by force to holde the possession to the use of the towne as before tyme it had remained, and theruppon certen of the Justices adjoininge beinge called to remove the force, came to the towne, and finding the women forciblie mainetaininge the said possession, and for the force committed them to the common gaole, whence shortlie after by order from their Lordships they were delivered under baile; forasmuche as they (remaining convict by their record) are at their next Quarter Sessions there to be punished by fyne, they are don to understande that sith uppon due examinacion of the whole matter before their Lordships, it appearethe that the said Weston Browne by his restraining of them

from the use of the said chappell was the chefest cause of the said force (and therefore not so severelie to be dealt with as yf the force had ben of an other kinde), her Highnes' pleasure is that at the tyme they are to proceade against they (*sic*) (only for formes sake), they laie some smale fyne uppon them and so acquite them and every of them for that facte. p. 24.

Attempted fraud.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich, Sir Thomas Cornwallis and others that where one John Chetham hath exhibited a complaint aginst Robert Beddingfielde, and William and Harry Timperleyes, unto whome he latelie soulde certen landes and tenementes for the some of 1,200*li*, receiving 1,000 in parte of paiment after he had delivered the possession thereof unto him (*sic*), prefixing a daie within viij daies for the receiving of a bande of them for the paiment of the rest; forasmuche as their Lordships do furder [understand] by his complaint that the said Beddingfield and Timperleyes doe by evell dealing goe aboute keping the lande to defraude him of the rest of his money, they are required to call the parties before them and to examyn whether the complaincte be true, and thereon to take suche order that the said Chetham maie have his money due unto him from them, or to compounde with him to his satisfaction, which yf they shall refuse soe to doe, then to take bandes of them to her Majesties use for their apparence fourthwith before their Lordships that they maie take order accordinglie.

The Plague about London.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Training of Shotte in the countye of Surrey signifienge the recept of their letters of the xvjth of September, wherein they signifie unto their Lordships that by reason of the Plague in Southwarke, Kingston and Lambeth Marshe, the tyme limited for the Training of Shott now at Michaelmas maie not be well observed without greate dainger of them selfes and others, and therefore desier that it maie [be] deferred till the next Spring, they are geven to understande that their Lordships doe verie well like that the tyme limited be put of till the

next Spring yf it maie not be sooner without perill, so the said training be then perfourmed according to the order appoinctede.

At Wyndsor, the xxvth September, 1577.

Presente :

The Lord Keper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Plague at Aylesbury.

A letter to the Baylefes, Connestables and other officers of Aylesburie that where their towne is greatly visited with the Plague, and it is to be fered that the inhabitantes thereof will not refraine to resorte to the Faire to be holden at Thame on Michalmas daye nexte, whereby the contagion
p. 25. maie be augmented and extended into the sounde partes of the shere thereaboutes, they are required to give spetiall order within their towne that no man being an inhabitant there shall attempt to resorte unto Thame aforesaide, uppon payne of severe punishement, nor that they permitte any wares or merchandize that maie take infection to be caried unto the said Fayre, whereof they not to fayle as they will answere to the contrary at their uttermost perilles.

The like letters unto the Bailiffes and officers of Thame that by all meanes they prohibite and forebid that no inhabitant of Aylesburye doe repaire unto the Faire of Thame uppon paine of punishement, and that they, the officers, doe appointe some circumspect persons to attend at the passages and entringes into their towne, to kepe suche back as they shall finde to be either of Aylesburye or anie other parte infected.

Pirates in the North.

A placard in to the countye of Yorke to all places nere aboute the mouthe of Humber, where Phipson (*sic*) and Whyte, notoriouse pirates, are saide to com offten a lande and there to receyve ayde and assistance of diverse lewde persons, favorers and ayders of them in their lewdnes and disorder,

that they, the officers of all and everye suche place, doe by all possible meanes endevour to take and apprehende them or anie of them, if at anie tyme hereafter they shall happen to retourne unto those partes againe, and also to travell for the discovering of the fautours and abbetours of the said pirates, and thereof not to fayle, &c.

xxvijth of Septembre, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsyngham.

A bankrupt cloth merchant.

A letter to the Maiour, Bailifes and Recorder of Sarum that where one Swythin Child and ——— Croppe of Romesey mad sale unto one William Merisall of Sarum of certaine kersy clothes to the som of xliiij^{li} ij^{s} to be paied within thre weekes, which daie being by him broken and he thereuppon becoming banck roupte, fledd oute of the town, and lefte the said kersys with other goodes and merchandize behinde him, which after his departure were staied for the satisfieng of his creditours; forasmuche as the said Croppe and Childe have ben humble suters to their Lordships that since their goodes are found to remaine in nature as they were solde that they maie be restored unto them again by their Lordships' order, they are required to examine the mater and if they shall fynde the informacion to be true to certifie their Lordships thereof, together with their opinions howe according to lawe the poore men maie be holpen therein, and in the meane while to continew the staie made untill they shalbe in that behalf furder directed from their Lordships. p. 26.

The Spanish monopoly.

Two letters, the one to the Lord Chief Justice of England and th[oth]er to the Lord Chief Justice of the Comon Pleas, that where her Majestie by her Letters Patentes lately graunted to the Societie of the Merchantes trading Spaigne and

Portingall authorized them onlye to traffick into those realmes, forbiding all others that were not of that Societie to intermedle in trade into those partes, and who soever contrary to that order shold attempte to traffick, to be by those of that Societie punished for his contempte; forasmuche as their Lordships are given to understand that those of the said Societie having lately punished some for that defaulte, there hathe ben procured writtes oute of the Queen's Benche to remove their bodies, whereby her Majesties true meaning in that behalf could not take that effect that appertained, they are required that hereafter they permitt no write uppon the like occasion to be graunte[d] oute of either the Courtes, thereby to frustrat the intente of her Highnes' said graunt, without order from their Lordships.

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Presente as before.

Martin Frobisher's voyage.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll that where there is arrived within their poart Edward Fenton, gentleman, latelie come from the partes of Cathay discovered by Martyn Furbusher, with a vessell laden with oare to her Majesties use; he is required uppon the receipt hereof, calling unto him Sir Richard Bartley (*sic*), knight, and Hughe Smithe, esquier, that they doe proceade to th'unlading (*sic*) of the said oare, and to bestowe it in some fitte and convenient place within the Castell, of which place or rome that three sundry lockes be made with three severall keyes, and eche of them to kepe a key and not to remove the said ore so placed and bestowed untill such tyme as they shalbe furder directed from her Majestie or their Lordships; and for their charges to be bestowed for th'unlading of the said oare, uppon a note under their handes what it amountethe unto shalbe here fourthwith payed and satesfied; the said Maiour is also required to cause asmuche sufficient *caste to be provided as shall con-

* (*sic*) ? for "cask."

taine one tonne of the said oare, with able cariages for the bringing thereof to be imediatlie sent hether unto their Lordships.

A letter to Edward Fenton, gentleman, signifieng unto him that where their Lordships are informed of his arrivall at Bristoll with his vessell, they have for some consideracions thought good to have his lading discharged and bestowed in the Castell there ; and to thende he maie understande their Lordships' order taken therein he is required to repaire unto the Maiour to understande the same from him, their Lordships having likewise ordered that Martyn Furbusher shall also repaire unto Bristoll and there unlade his shippe.

A letter to Martyn Furbusher signifieng unto him that where their Lordships hadd determined that he shoulde repaire into the river of Thames with his shippe, they have, upon furder consideracion, altered their resolucion and doe require him to repaire unto Bristoll, where he shall also have order to unlade his said shippe.

A letter unto Justice Manwoode, Sir Thomas Scotte knight, Thomas Wotton, esquier, and others to examyn the charters and customes of the towne of Dover, according to certen instruccions and the mynute of the letter remayning in the Councell Chest. The privileges of Dover.

xxixth of September.

Presente as before.

Letters sent unto certen shires of the realme of the restraining of takers of partridges and phasauntes, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Chest. Partridges and pheasants.

Letters unto all the maritime shires of Englande (Walles excepted) accompanieng so many Commissions under the Great Seale for inquiry to be made of suche as have ben favorers and abbettours of pyrattes, according to a mynute of the said letters and instructions sent therewith remayning in the Councell Chest. p. 28. Piracy.

Laste of September, 1577.

Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Plague in London.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, Lord Wentworthe, Lord Buckhurst, Mr. of the Rolles, Sir Thomas Gresham and Peter Osborne, esquier, or any three of them, that where by her Majesties commaundement letters were written to the Lord Maiour for the avoiding of thinfection of the plage within the Cittie of London, and for the severing of the sounde from the diseased, he should cause all suche howses as were knowen to be infected within the Cittie of London to be shutt uppe, and some marke to be sette on the howse to be knowen to be infected; notwithstanding which her Highnes' comandement, her Majestie finding it carelessely observed to her greate misliking, dothe hereby againe requier the said Lord Maiour and the rest of the Commissioners above named to see the former comaundment duelye executed; and to the ende that the negligence of those that have hadd the overseeing of thexecucion of the said order, as the contempt of those that have not obeyed the same maie be knowen, they are also required to call before them, of every parishe within the Cittie and the Suburbs, certen sufficient men to declare what order hathe ben taken sithence the commaundement geven by her Majestie within the severall parishes of their Liberties for the restraining of thinfected, and to charge them uppon their othes, by some daie by the said Comissioners to be lymitted, to bring true reporte and certificat unto them what they finde towching the articles which their Lordships sende herein inclosed, which certificate their Lordships wold have sent unto them as soone as they have received them, to th'ende that, uppon consideracion of the same, there maie be some order taken for the punishment of suche as shalbe founde to have ben offendours.

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An Irish victualler and his stores.

A letter ——————— that where by her Majesties commaundement a proporcion of victuall hath ben pro-

vided by Edward Waterhowse for the victualling of two thowsand soldiers lately mustered in severall countyes of this realme for the service of Irelande, which victualles and provisions, by meanes that the soldiers have not been imployed, remaine in the handes of the sayd Waterhowse, her Majestie is well plesed that, in consideracion of the charges by him sustayned for him self and for the waiges of his servantes and ministers imployed aboute the same, to geve licence to him and his assignes to make his and their best benefitte by transportacion of those provisions, amounting to the quantitie of one hundred wey of wheate, iiij^{xx} barrels of butter, ten thousand pounds of biskett, 10,000 pounds of cheese and xxx^{ty} tonnes of beere; all which quantities he maie lade and transporte from the porte of Bristoll and sell and utter the same in any parte beyonde the seas to any persone or persones, subjectes or Prince, being in amitie with her Majestie, with whome he shall contracte any bargaine for the same; and therefore aswell the Customers and Searchers of that porte as the Commissioners against the Transportacion of Victuall, and all other her Majesties officers to whom it shall appertaine, are required to suffer him and his assignes to lade and transporte the same freelie and without any manner of custome, so as they excede not the said severall quantities before mentioned, whereof the Customers are to have regarde and make due certificat to the Lord Threasurer, and this, their Lordships' letter, to be warrant and discharge to them or any of them in this behaulf.

A letter to the Knight Marschall requiring him to receive into his custodie the persone of Frauncis Tregion, esquier, and to kepe him as close prisoner and from conference with all persones whosoever, unles he shalbe warranted thereunto either from her Majestie or their Lordships, and so to remaine till furder order shalbe taken with him. A recusant.

A letter to the Sheriff of the county of Southampton that where there is one Henry Dale committed to the gaole by one Henry Marvyn, esquier, for spreading of slanderouse Lewd words.

speeches againste certen of the Lords of her Majesties Privie Councell, he is required to cause the personne of the saide Henry Dale to be sent hether unto their Lordships under sure and safe garde, geving charge to the bringers of him that he be not permitted by the waye to have conference withe any personne whatsoever.

Instructions to the Admiral.

A letter to the Lieuetenante of Dover Castell requiring him, as sone as he shall understande of the coming of her Majesties shippes presentlie at the seas nere to the Land's Ende, to have care for the sending of the letter inclosed to George Wynter, esquier, having the conduction of them, and thereof not to fayle.

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A letter to George Wynter, esquire, signifieng unto him that her Majesties pleasure is that fourthewith uppon his arrivall at the Landes Ende he doe appoincte either the Foresight or the Swiftsure, which he thincke the most convenient and draweth least water, to repaire unto Gore Ende, where there is order taken she shall receive the victuell for vj weekes, and to returne againe unto the seas ymediatlie for her Majesties service; and to thend she maie be the better able to perfourme that service, he is to have care that yf the capten of that shippe be sicke, or any of the men diseased or otherwise insufficient and unable to serve, to remove them and to supplie their places with good and able men from the other two shippes; and unto him whome he shall appoinct to take charge of the said shippe for this service there shalbe (before he shall receve in the victuells at the place appointed) sent unto him certen instructions for his direction in that behaulf.

Firste of October, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	

A warning to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor.

A letter to the Deane and Cannons of Windesor that where we are geven to understande by the Commissioners

appoincted for the training of Shott within this countie, they, the Deane and Cannons of Windesor, stayenge them selfes uppon their privileges, do refuse to furnishe ratablie, as others doe, a certen number of men to be exercised and trayned as Shotte, to be uppon all occacions able to serve her Majestie and the realme, whereat they doe not a litle mervaile, consideringe that if any attempte shoulde be made uppon this State by any forrayne enimye, it woulde be for the overthrowe of that whereof they themselfes are cheife professours, which they oughte moste of all others to regarde and be most forwarde by all possible meanes to prevent; their Lordships are verie sorrie to see them preferre so smale a charg before so necessarie a service, forseeing to what ende the same is ordained, and withall have thought good to put them in remembraunce what good cause her Majestie maie have to conceive hardely of their disposicions in this behaulf, and to require them to be better advised, that their doinges maie be more aggreable with their professions, and all occasions of offence in that respecte taken awaie.

A letter to the Lieuetenante of the Tower, Peter Osborne and Thomas Owen, that where their Lordships committed unto them thexaminacion of a leude facte committed by Creache, pretended Bishop of Armaughe, within the Tower, wherein it appeareth by their letters certefieng their doinges, together with thexaminacion of sundrie personnes, they have taken greate paines, for the whiche their Lordships doe yeilde them their hartie thanckes, and doe require Mr. Owen to consider how farr the matter contayned in the said examinacions doe alreadie reache unto him, which yf by lawe shall appeare to be sufficient to inferre that punishment uppon him that the qualitie of his offence deservethe, they are then praied to se whether uppon furder examinacions to be hadd of the circumstances of the said facte or the personnes alreadie examined, or any others to be produced to testifie their knowledge in that behaulf, there maie be any furder and more apparant matter

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The Irish Bishop in the Tower.

had againste him, and accordinglie yf they shall see it expedient, to proceade to a newe examinacion, and thereuppon with some dilligence to certifie their doinges and opinions, that thereafter some furder order maie be taken for the meetinge with so great a villanie.

A pirate's prize detained.

A letter to Hughe Randall of Weymouthe that where their Lordships are geven to understande that he dothe refuse to deliver unto James Schallet, merchaunt of Antwerpe, in contempt of the Commission and their Lordships' letters, his shippe with the fourniture latelie taken by the pirate Hix, and nowe remaininge in his hands, demaunding verie large charges for diverse thinges by him don aboute the said shippe, contrarie to reason and equitie; how be it they thinck it fitt that suche reasonable sommes as by proofe shall appeare, he hathe layed out in that behaulf be answered againe unto him, and therefore have caused bands to be taken of the said Schallett to answere them when they shalbe required, he is therefore required, as he will answere at his perrill to the contrarie, fourthwith uppon the receipte hereof to deliver unto the said Schallett his said shippe, with all suche furniture as he hathe received appertaining unto her, and immediatlie after the deliverie of her, all vaine excuses and delaies layed aparte, to make his presente repaire hether unto their Lordships to answere his contempte therein, and thereof not to faile uppon his allegeaunce.

p. 32. Seconde of October, 1577, Windesor.

*Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord of Warwick.
Lord of Leycester.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Frobisher's return.

A letter to Sir William Winter, knighte, Thomas Randolphe and George Winter, Anthony Jenkynson, Edward Huggan and Michael Locke, that whereas their Lordships appoincted them

* The names are given in the margin.

to take charge of setting fourthe the voiage to the North Weste enterprise by Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, from whence he is now safelye returned withe two of his vessells; forasmuche as without some good order to be speedelie taken for the discharging of the soldiers and mariners that have ben imployed in the said voiage, the Companie of the Adventurers shoude be overmuche burthened withe unnecessary charges, their Lordships have thought good for thavoiding of of the same to desier them to finde the meanes for the taking up of a sufficient some of money for the paiment of the said waiges due to the said soldiers and mariners; and for that the said vessels by being unoccupied maie become bothe chargeable to the Companie and lesse profitable hereafter, they are likewise desired to take some care for the imployenge of them in some other good and profitable voiage, so as they maie be here againe to be sett fourthe by the begining of May next to returne into the North Weste where they have alreadie ben.

An unauthorized account of his voyage.

A letter to Sir William Wynter that where their Lordships are infourmed that one Typottes, a notarie in London, hathe latelie translated into the Spanishe tounge (*sic*) a booke or certen writinges towching the late voiage of Mr. Furbusher to the North Weste, he is required to call the said Tipottes or anie other whome he shall thincke necessarye in this case before him, and to examyn him and them what the said booke and writinges are and for whome they were translated, and to receive in to his handes the originall and as manie copies of the said translacion as by anie meanes he maie come by, and the same to sende to their Lordships, with certificat what he shall have don by vertue of theis their Lordships' letters.

The v October, 1577.

Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsyngham.

p. 33. The Town Clerk of Dover.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where it appearethe by Richard Barrye, Lieutenante of Dover Castell, that Michel the Towne Clarke and his brother have greatlie abused the Commissioners at the last viewe of the selected Shott at Dover, a disorder that deservethe to be mette withall; their Lordships have therefore thoughte good to require his Lordship, calling unto him by vertue hereof Mr. Justice Manwoodde for his better assistance, to repaire bothe unto Dover, and there substanciallie to examyn the misbehavior of the said Michels and their compaig[n]ions, and accordinglie as they shall finde them culpable to use that punishement towards them that in their discreacions shall seme convenient for the qualitie of their offence.

A letter to the Maiour of Dover that where their Lordships are infourmed that at the laste training of the selected Shott in Dover one Michel, the Towne Clarke, and his brother, accompanied with others, dyd verie insolentlie abuse the Commissioners concerning the displacing of one Leonarde, one of the selected men of that towne, for his being absent at the tyme of the training; for redresse of which disorder their Lordships have appoincted the Lord Cobham, accompanied with Mr. Justice Manwoode, to repaire unto Dover, requiring him to be aiding and assisting unto the said Lord Warden and Mr. Manwoode, that uppon examinacion and proofe had of the disorder due punishement maie be used towards thoffendours; geving him furder to understand that their Lordships doe not a litle mislike of his backwardnes in the punishing of Edwarde Michell, considering his lewde insolencie towardes the Commissioners, and that he was thereunto required by the Lieutenante of the Castell.

Malt kilns at Northampton.

A letter to the Maiour of Northampton signifieng what order was taken before their Lordships with those that had malte kilnes within the towne, who uppon complaincte from the late Maiour had appered here to answere their contempte in refusing to be ordered by the Comissioners appointed to take charge for the transposing of the kilnes

within the saide towne of Northampton, according to a minute remaining in the Councell Chest.

The vjth of October, 1577.

Presente as above.

A dispute as to land.

A letter to Mr. Sollicitour Generall and Hercules Raynsforde, esquire, requiring them to call before them Thomas Wayman, the elder, and to deale with him for thaccomplishement of an order sett downe betwene him and Thomas Wayneman, the yonger, lately deceased, by the Justices of Assise in that countie, concerning certain land and tenementes in controversye betwene them; which order, if he shall refuse to fulfill, then to bynd him for his apparence here before their Lordships, that furder order maie be taken therein accordingly. p. 34.

vij° Octobris, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Keeper.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Highway robbery.

A letter to Sir John Throgmorton that where their Lordships are given to understande that latelie betwene Coventry and Brumingham there was a robberie committed by xj lewde personnes uppon iiij yeomen of Kent, from whom they took the value of cc^{li}, and after escaped notwithstanding Hew and Cry presentlie made after them, who are not as yet harde of; for that their Lordships are desierous to have them knowen they have thoughte good to make choyce of hym and to require him, calling unto him suche Justices of the Peace nere aboute as he shall thincke fitt, substanciallie to examyn the circumstaunces of the said robberie and by all possible meanes to indevour them selfes to come to the knowledge of the offendors, and accordingly to cause

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dilligent searche to be made for the apprehending of them within that shire.

The law in Gloucestershire.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Glocester that where there is a write of execucion against Dr. Powell, Chauncellor of that towne, graunted out uppon a condemnacion for certen debte due unto one John Skynner of Slowe, in that county, from the said Dr. Powell; and where he complainethe that he often indevoring to have the said execucion served, hath not only ben greatlie abused and vexed by the said Dr., but also that he, the Sheriffe, either for faire (*sic*) or favour of the said Powell doth refuse to see the said execucion served and therefore is required, and in her Majesties name commaunded (all affection sett apart), fourthwith to see the said write served in all respectes lawfully, according to the tenure of the said write, and therein not to faile, as he doth aide the furderaunce of justice and will answer the contrary at his perill.

Lewd words.

A letter to the Sheriff of the county of Sussex that where there is one Henry Dale comited to the gaole in that countie for usinge lewde speeches against sundry of their Lordships
p. 35. of her Majesties Privie Councell, he is required presently uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters to cause the personne of the saide Dale to be sent hether unto their Lordships under sure and safe gard, geveng chardge to those that shall have the bringing of him that he be not permitted by the way to have conference withe any personne whatsoever.

Warrants of summons.

A warrant for the apparence of John Winckfielde, Thomas Hennidge, John Humfrey, John Story and Richard Whitinge.

Highway robbery.

Two Letters Patentes into the counties of Worcester and Glocester for the apprehension of certen lewde persones that have committed a robery on iiij men of Kent betwene Coventrye and Brimyngham.

A French squadron detained.

A letter unto Sir Arthur Champernon, knight, that where their Lordships are given to understand by his letter of a staye made of xv^{ten} saile of Frenche shippes appointed in

warrlike manner and lately arrived at Plymouthe, he is required not only to continewe the said staie, but also to cause all the said vesselles to be searched, and the cheefest conductours of them to be dilligently examined whither they were bound in voiage, the cause of their furnishing in that order, and for what occacion they arryved in this coste, and thereof to certifye their Lordships by this berer; he is likewyse required that yf anie more of that nation shall happen to com into those partes to make staye of them also.

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Lord Keper.	Erle of Warwick.
Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Threasurer.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

An arbitration.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London that where their Lordships committed the hearinge of a controversie betwene one Foster and Savaige of that Cittie unto Sir Rowlande Heywarde, Anthonie Cage and Thomas Egerton, the state of which controversie, together with their doinges in thexaminacion thereof, shall at large appear unto him by their letter certifienge the same unto their Lordships, which is sent them herein inclosed; for that they finde that the said Savaige refusethe to yeild unto any good composicion, meaning therebie to defraude the said Forster of a surplus of his goodes, which in conscience oughte to be answered unto him, their Lordships have therefore thought good to require p. 36. him, by vertue hereof, to call the said Savaige before him, and to deale with him, first by waie of perswasion, to come to aggreement with the said Forster, wherein yf he shall finde him culpable, then to take some other course that maie be aggreable with justice and equitie to drawe him to make satisfaction unto the said Forster of the said surplus, or as muche thereof as he in conscience shall thincke necessarie.

A recognisance fulfilled.

This daie, Roberte Harecourte of Sowthley, in the countie of Oxon, esquier, being bounde in recognizaunce before Bryan Annesley, esquier, Warden of the Fleete, in the somme of two hundred poundes to make his apparence before the Lord Threasurer and Lord Chamberlaine uppon the firste daie of Michaelmas Terme then next ensuing, being the ixth of October, 1577, wheresoever they shoulde bee, hathe this daie in discharge of his said bande entred his apparence.

xjth October, 1577.

Presente as before.

A fugitive's wife.

A letter to Sir Thomas Sherley, knight, and ——— Morley, esquier, that where their Lordships are informed from Sir Thomas Palmer, knight, thelder, of that countie, of the arrivall of his daughter, wiefe unto Mr. Leedes, fugitive beyonde the seas, whome the said Sir Thomas refusethe to deale withall unles it maie stande withe their Lordships' good favor and liking, they are required to call Mistress Leedes before them, and to examyn her of the cause of her returne into this realm, where and with whome she hathe remained during her absence, and whether she canne be contented uppon her abode here to lyve as a dutifull and an obedient subjecte towards her Majestie and the lawes of this realme, and thereof to advertise their Lordships.

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Lord Keeper.	Lord of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	

The Merchant Taylors' Company.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Atturney Generall, Sir Rowlande Heywarde, Sir John Rivers, George Barne, Francis Boyer, Nicholas Woodroofe and Wolstane

Dixy, Aldermen of London, or to any foure or three of them, that where their Lordships comitted unto the Master, Wardens and Assistauntes of the Companie of Merchaunt Tailers within the Cittie of London the hearing and determining of a controversie betwen John Deden and John Toppe, which controversie (for the difficultie thereof) having longe depended before the Justices of her Majesties Common Benche, was firste recommended unto the said Master, Wardens and Assistauntes by the said Justices, by whom they were likewise advised howe they shoulde proceade therein; forasmuche as the said Master, Wardens and Assistauntes, after longe travaile, were not able to make any finall ende betwene them, and thereuppon returned certificat of their doinges unto their Lordships, which certificate is since reproved by the partie plainetife, as maie appeare unto them by certen exceptions by him taken, whereof their Lordships sende them a copie; and for that the said Master, &c., finde themselfes agreeved, being somwhat charged by the said exceptions with indirecte dealing, have ben humble suiters unto their Lordships for the better justifienge of their proceadinges therein, that their doinges might be examined by some indifferent personnes, their Lordships, finding their requeste verie reasonable, have made choyce of them eight, and doe require them or any three of them (whereof the Master of the Rolles or Mr. Atturney to be alwaies one) to take some paines in thexamininge of the said certificate, which they shall likewise receive herewith, as also thexceptions aforesaid; and for their better doing thereof they maie by vertue hereof call bothe the said Masters, Wardens and Assistauntes before them, as any other whom they shall thincke fitt to be produced as witnesses on either parte, and what they shall finde of the premisses to certifie their Lordships, together with their opinions therein, that suche furder order maie be taken as to their Lordships shall seeme convenient.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London, that where the Queenes Majestie is geven to understande that suche per- p. 38. The trade in French wines.

sonnes as doe usually trade into Bourdeaux doe at this presente prepare thetherwardes, and divers other doe make provision to cause wynes to be brought into the realme, there to be bought and soulde for this yeare; their Lordships thincke it necessarye that he, calling them fourthwith before him, doe signifie unto them that onles they shalbe contented at their returne to utter their wynes at suche prices as by her Majestie hathe ben alreadie sett downe the last yeare, or shalbe thought reasonable, that they shall have due regarde thereunto, assuring them that it is meant by all meanes to have the former order observed that have ben heretofore taken in that behaulf, and therefore it shalbe at their perills yf they doe attempt the voiage, being thereof advised before hande.

A dispute as to land.

A letter to Sir Thomas Mildemay, Sir John Peter, knightes, and George White, esquier, that where complainte was made to their Lordships by John Cliffe, esquier, Clarcke of her Majesties Signet, against William Maddison, servante to William Plater, esquire, of the countye of Suffolk, for the detaining of a mansion howse and certen lande lyeng in the county of Essex, &c., they are required by vertue hereof to call both the parties before them and uppon substanciall examynacion of the controversie to make some finall ende betwene them; which yf they shall not be able to doe then to certifie what they finde and in whome the faulte is, that suche furder order maie be taken therein as shalbe aggreable with lawe and justice.

Embargo on foreign ships.

Three letters, whereof one to Sir Arthure Champernone, knight, thother to Sir Henry Radecliffe, knight, and the thirde to the Viceadmirall of Cornewall, signifieng unto them that forasmuche as her Majestie is infourmed that young Lausac, subjecte to the French Kinge, who of late made staie of certen shippes appertaining to her Highnes' subjectes at a place not farr from Rochell called St. Martyns Roade, remainethe yet in force uppon the seas, as also no release hath hetherto ben made of the said shippes, her

Majesties pleasure is that all suche vesselles as be within her portes, bounde either for Fraunce or Spaigne, be presentlie staied till suche tyme as her Majestie shall receive furder intelligence from those partes, and therefore hathe appoincted their Lordships to geve knowledge unto them thereof, to thende they maie take presente order therein accordingly.

Three other letters of the same tenor, whereof one to Sir William Wynter, the other to Dr. Lewes, Judge of the Admiraltie, and the thirde to the Viceadmirall of Essexe.

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* Lord Keper.	Lord of Leicester.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Horsemen for service on the Border.

A letter to the Lord Scrope in answer of a letter of the iiijth of October, 1577, written from him to Mr. Secretarie Walsingham, that where he desired to have viij^{d} a daie allowed to 1 of those 100 soldiers that be latelie come to his Lordship from Barwick, to the ende that they might serve on horseback for the tyme of ij monethes uppon those Borders for repressinge of the fugitives on both partes; their Lordships, for avoiding of a newe extraordinary charge to her Majestie, have required his Lordship to make choice of suche a number of personnes meete and sufficient to serve as he shall thincke good, the same to be of the country thereaboutes, and to devide the tyme for their service so as some of them maie attende vij or viij daies, and some other on lesse, as his Lordship shall see meeteste for the service and for the lesser trouble unto them.

xvijth of October, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leycester.	

* The names are given in the margin.

Martin Frobisher's cargo.

A letter to Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, that where there are arrived at Bristoll the two shippes under his charge named the Aide and the Gabriel, where their Lordships thincke it convenient to have them unladen and discharged, and the oare broughte in them to be layed and bestowed in some fitt place within the Castle, there to remaine in the charge and safe custodie of Sir Richard Barkley, knighte, the Maiour of Bristoll, Michael Locke and him selfe, and the said oare to be delivered by him by waighte and to the howse or place where it shall remaine, and foure sundrie lockes withe severall keyes to be made, and eache of them to retaine a keye; they thinck it also meete for his better discharg, uppon the delivery of the said oare into the place where it shall remaine, that he receve a note under the handes of the said Sir Richarde Barkley and the reste, both of the receipt and waight of the said oare; and for the thirde shippe arrived at London, under the conduction of Gilbert Yeorke, gentleman, he is required to geve order that she be unladen there and the oare to be delivered by waight to Richard Martyn, Warden of the Mynte, and John Lainson, Workemaster of the same, and to remaine in the
p. 40. Tower of London under their charge; and to the doare of the place where the same shall lye order is geven by their Lordships that foure severall lockes and keyes shalbe made, whereof two keyes to remaine with the officers and the other two to remaine with Michael Locke and him self, and to take a like note under their handes of the receipte and waight thereof as of the others at Bristoll; and concerning the shippes and discharge of the mariners, he shall receive order from Sir William Wynter and others appoincted Commissioners for that pourpose.

A letter to Richarde Martyn, Warden of the Mynte, and John Lainson, Workmaster, and Michael Locke, Threasurer of the same, signifieng unto them that the Queen's Majesties pleasure is that certen oare brought into this realm by Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, shalbe carried into the Tower and layed in some convenient place by him to be appoincted

for that pourpose, the said oare to be delivered unto him by waighte and so by them receyved; and, furder, that to the doare of the place where the same shall lye there be foure severall lockes and keyes made, whereof the said Furbusher to have one, her Highnes' officers two, and Michael Locke, Threasurer of that Companie, the fourthe, whereof her Majestie hath appoincted their Lordships to geve them knowledge to thende they maie take presente order therein accordinglie; and, furder, it is ment that they shall from tyme to tyme make delivery of the said oare to be melted downe, accordinglie as they shalbe directed by the Commissioners by their Lordships appoincted to have the oversight of the said meltinge.

A letter to Sir William Winter, knight, William Pelham, Thomas Randolphe and George Winter, esquires, Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, and Michael Locke, signifieng that her Majesties plesure is that such oare as is brought unto London in the shippe called the Michael, as also that which is brought by land from Bristoll, shalbe fourthwith molten downe and tryed at London in some fitt and convenient place at their best discreacions, and that they or any three of them at the leaste shall alwaies be presente at the doing and melting thereof, to thende the same maie be donne in good order, and to the moste profitt and leaste charges of the golde or other mettall coming thereof, to be delivered from tyme to tyme by juste waighte and valewe to the custodie of Michael Locke.

His ships and their crews.

And to thende that all unnecessarie charges maie be cut of, order is taken that money shalbe provided for the paiment of the waiges due unto all the soldiers and mariners of the three shippes, and for her Majesties parte, which amounteth *pro rata* to the some of c^{li}, they shall receave herewith a warrant.

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And for the victuall yet remaining in the shippes which will not keepe, as also the merchandize and other thinges not needefull to be kept, they are desiered to take presente

order for the selling thereof to the beste commoditie, and the monney proceading of the said victuall and merchaundize to be delivered unto Michael Locke, whom their Lordships have appoincted thereon; and, furder, they are prayed that the three shippes maie be safelie mored and kept, the Ayde and the Gabriel at Bristoll and the Michael at London, and their tacle and fourniture carefullie to be looked unto and preserved, withe an inventarie to be taken of the same, to thende noe parte thereof to be spoiled or imbecelled against the next yere when it shalbe imployed.

A decree from their Lordships that where there is presentlie to be disburced for the discharge of suche mariners and soldiers as have ben imployed in the voiage towardes the North Weste under Captaine Furbusher the some of eight hundred poundes, it is ordered that suche as have ben adventurers in the said voiag shoulde contribute towardes the discharg of the said some of 800^{li}, after 20^{li} in the hundred *pro rata*, whiche said contribucion is thought also meete to be delivered into the handes of Michael Locke, Threasurer for the Companie, being appoincted to geve billes signed under his hande for suche somes as he shall receive.

For an account. A letter to Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, and Drue Durye, esquier, that their Lordships understanding that ther have ben diverse collections made within that county towardes the charges of the trayning of the nomber of the selected Shott appoincted ther to be trained, for that their Lordships are desierouse to understand what the whole some is that hathe ben leavied, how it hathe ben expended and (yf anie be remaining), what the same is, they are required that order be fourthwith geven that the accompt of the said whole some be made and sent upp unto us ymmediatlye, and what shalbe remaining of overplus they are to retaine in their handes till they shall receive furder order from their Lordships.

The ore at Bristol. A letter to Sir Richarde Barkly, knight, Maiour of Bristoll and Michael Locke that where there are arrived at Bristoll

aforesaid two shippes brought into this realme by Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, out of the North West partes laten (*sic*) with oare, which by her Majesties appoincted (*sic*) is there to be unladen and bestowed in some safe and convenient place within the Castell, her Highnes' pleasure is that they, togethe withe Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, and Michael Locke, Threasurer of the Companie of the Adventurers into the said North West partes, shall see the said oare, being in both the shippes, fourthwith to be unladen and safelie bestowed and layed into some fitt and convenient place within the Castell, and the same to bee by them receaved from Martyn Furbusher aforesaid by waighte, and a note to be delivered unto him under their handes of the receipt and waighte of the said oare; requiring them furder that to the howse or place where the p. 42. said oare shall remaine and lye they cause foure sundry lockes withe severall keyes to be sett on the doare, and eache of them to kepe and retaine a key untill suche tyme as furder order shalbe taken therewith.

Letters to the two Chief Justices and others the Justices of Assise with plottes and certen articles to be considered of for the puttinge in execucion of certen Penall Lawes, accordinge to a mynute remaining in the Councell Chest. Instructions to the Judges.

xviij° Octobris, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Keper.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to George Winter, esquire, that where their Lordships understande by his letter that he hathe broughte into the ryver the shippe wherin he took Robert Hix, the pirate, taken first by him and Callis from one John Peterson, a subjecte of the King of Denmarke, about Ester last paste; forasmuche as the King of Denmark hathe written verie earnestlie unto her Majestie for restitution to be made to the said Peterson and others, the said Kinges subjectes, either Danish claims.

of the shippes and goods in nature as they were taken or of the juste valewe of them, her Majestie in consideracion of the good leage and amitie betwene the said King and her Highnes being carefull to returne the said Peterson satesfied, hathe ordered that he shall fourthwith uppon the receipt hereof deliver unto the said Peeterson, this bearer, the said shippe with all the tacle, furniture, ordenance, munician and suche like as he founde in her at the tyme of the taking, causing first the same to be sett downe in a juste inventarye to be indented, and he to receave one copie signed by the said Peterson with a note of the receipt thereof, and the said Peterson to kepe the other.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie requiring him that assone as Robert Hix, the pirate, taken by Mr. George Winter, esquire, shalbe brought unto London, he doe proceade to a through examinacion of him, and among other matters wherewith he is to be charged substanciallie to examyn him who were the receivers of suche goods and merchaundizes as was taken by him and Callice in the Golden Lyon from John Peterson, subjecte to the King of Denmarke, that thereuppon some presente order maie be taken for his satisfaction.

p. 43. The Tower. A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower that where by his letter to Mr. Secretarie he is desierouse to knowe whether he shall kepe Burnell and Netterville prisoners togeather in one place, or yf he shall sever them and kepe them a parte in two severall prisonnes, and whether they maie be permitted to have a man of theirs to attende uppon them, beinge locked uppe in prison withe them, and, lastlie, whether he shall suffer them to have pen and yncke, for that they are desierouse to write unto their Lordships; he is done to understand that he shall kepe them a sunder in two severall prisonnes, and in no case to permitte them to conferre togeather nor to have yncke and paper to write either to their Lordships or any other personne; and for a man to attende uppon them it is referred to his dis-

creacion, so there be regarde hadde unto suche as shalbe admitted to remaine withe them.

A letter to Capten Ellice for his direction to repaire unto the seas for thapprehencion of certen pyrattes in the Foresighte, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste. The repression of piracy.

A letter to George Winter allowing of his doinges in appointing the Foresight to the conduction of Captain Ellice for the apprehencion of pyrattes; he is required to deliver the letter inclosed to Captaine Ellice for his direction in that service.

* Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Sir William Wynter, Mr. Gonson and Mr. Holstock, requiring them that forasmuche as the Marquis of Harreighe is not to departe yet this xij or xiiij daies, that they shall forbeare to receive the fiftie men appointed into the Achates, for the avoiding of unnecessarie charges unto her Majestie, till suche tyme as they shalbe advertised of the certentie of his departure. H.M.S. Achates.

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Lord Keper.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to George Chaworth, esquire, that where their Lordships are geven to understande that there is a controversie depending betwene him and Thomas Shippman of Scarrington, in the Vale of Bever, who without his utter undoing is not able to abide the long suit of lawe for the triall of his interest in the cause; forasmuche as humble sute hathe ben made to their Lordships by Richard Alvey, a godly preacher, uncle to the said Shippman, whom (yf they A private dispute.

* Written in the margin without date.

might) they wolde willinglie furder in this his reasonable request, and therfore have thought good to desier him that he will be contented to committe the hearing and determining thereof unto the two Cheif Justices, or to chose one of the Cheif Justices whom he shall like best, and he to nominate another, and what by them shalbe indifferently awarded, the said Shippman promiseth to stande bonde to yelde thereunto; wherefore, if at their Lordships' requestes he shalbe contented to take this indifferent waie, he shall cause them to be mindefull of his frindshippe when occasion shalbe offered.

The Free School at Barnet.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London and his britheren that where their Lordships are geven to understande that, by their good meanes and furtherance especiallie the Free Schole at Barnett is erected and builded, for which their good worke their Lordships well allowe; and earnestlie pray them that as they have begonne in erecting the howse so they will continewe their care in providing suche convenient meanes as maie tende to the perpetuall mainetenance of the same, aswell by electing suche Governours as willinglie wilbe continuall benefactours, as otherwise to provide for it as to their good discreacions shall seeme requisite, assuring them that they will accepte their doinges in verie thanckfull parte.

A letter to Dr. Drurye, Judge of the Prerogative Courte, that where Edwarde Underne, parson of Barnett, by meanes of his greate charges aswell in the procuringe a Corporacion for the erection of a Free Schole in Barnett, as also building of the howse and mainetenance of the [S]chole-master and Usher of the same, hathe not only bestowed the greate part of his substance but is also indebted to others in the some of cc^{li}, to his utter undoing unles by some good meanes he be releved; he is therefore desiered to helpe the said Edwarde to the aforesaid some so sone as he conveni-
p. 45. entlie maie, out of suche goods or money as by him shalbe procured and resorted to be bestowed uppon good and

charitable workes, as also from tyme to tyme to continewe his helping furtherance towardes the mainetenance of the said Schole.

Lewd words and the Pillory.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where their Lordships understande by his letters the order of his proceading against one Merritt of Dover for spreading of certen lewde speaches against their Lordships, whereof they do verie well allowe and therefore yeilde him their hartye thanckes, and thincke it convenient that not withstandinge his open punishment in the Pillary he be retained one whole monethe in prison, and bands taken of him for his good behavior for one whole yeare; concerning the two Richells (*sic*), theyr Lordships doubt not but he hathe alreadie received direction from the Secretarie how to deale with them; and for the want of munition to be suppled at Dover and other Castells within the Fyve Portes, consideracion shalbe hadd thereof accordingly as opportunitie shall serve.

A bad harvest.

A letter to the Lord Keeper that where humble suyte hathe ben made unto their Lordships from diverse shires of the realm that by reason of the unseasonablenes of the laste harveste the price of corne is growen verie highe, we woulde geve order that new Commissions against the Transportacion of Grain might be made, wherefore they desier his Lordship that the said Commissions against Transportacion of Graine might be renewed to suche shires as heretofore have hadd them.

Dorsetshire culprits.

A letter to Sir Richarde Rogers, knight, for his undelayed apparence here before their Lordships.

A letter to the Sheriff of the Countie of Dorset for to attache all the personnes following, and to take bands of the best of them for their apparence here before their Lordships, and of those that are not able to put in bands for their apparence, to sende them under suer garde unto their Lordships:—

Frauncis Rogers of West Lulworth, gentleman.
Henry Rogers, gentleman.

Simon Lobley,
Thomas Harrison,
John Sea,
William Sea,
Richard Garrard,
} of West Lulworth.
Edward Franshaw of Wareham.
Robert Coker, Steward to Sir Richard Rogers.
Stephen George.
Hughe Randall.

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Lord Keper.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretarye.

Post horses refused. A letter to Richard Kingsmill, Nicholas St. John, William Daniell, that where ——— Staples, Maiour of Marleborowe, hathe ben called before their Lordships for refusing to serve Capten Furbisher (travelling in her Majesties service) of post horses, as also for using of certen contemptuose speches; forasmuche as he denyeth the same and hathe brought testimoniall from diverse, his neighbours, affirmyng him to be undeservedly chargid with the same matter, they are required to examine the whole mater substantially, and with all the goodman of the Bere of Marleborowe to be deposed of his knowlege therein, and what they fynde thereof to certifye their Lordships; and for their better proceding they shall receyve herewith the allegacions of Mr. Furbisher and the testimoniall of the towne of Marleborowe.

A summons. A letter to Mr. George Winter requiring him to repaire unto their Lordships, and to knowe their furder pleasure at the tyme of his coming.

Coiners apprehended. A letter to Sir Thomas Mildmay signifieng the receipt of his letters of the xxth of this presente, together with thexaminacions of Henry Chitham, whom, according to their Lordships' order, he hathe at this presente apprehended and

committed; he is thancked for his care used herein and is required to geve order that at the next Assises to be holden in that countye he maie be proceaded againste according to the lawes of this realme provided in that behauf; and in the meaning (*sic*) tyme to cause the said Chitham to be re-examined for the better discovering of any others using the trade of false coyning.

A letter to Richarde Martin, Warden of the Mynte, and Thomas Owen, to examine one Eloye, and one Guillaume Tillewe a Fleming, the one apprehended for false quoyning and the other for clipping and fyling of her Majesties coyne, and suche goodes as they shall fynde them to be seased of at the tyme of their apprehension, to take a juste inventorye of them, and to comytte them to safe custodye untill they shalbe furder directed from their Lordships.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heyden that where there is remaining with him one Fraunces Farmour, detected for false coyning, he is required to detaine him with him in safe custodye, and to kepe him from conference with all persones untill he shall furder be therein directed from their Lordships. p. 47.

A placarde for five poste horses for ——— Heyden, to repaire for her Majesties service in to the countye of Norffolk. Post horses.

A letter to the Erle of Darby that where their Lordships do understande that one James Ratlee of Newton Lane, in the county of Lancaster, to be a conterfeiter of her Majesties coyne at (*sic*) to be presentlie abiding there, he is required, immediatlie uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters, to geve order for his apprehencion, and thereupon to cause him dilligentlie to be examined and his howse or the place where he lodgethe to be carefully scearched for suche tooles as he maie use for the matter; and yf he shall finde him faulty then to committe [him], that at the next Assises to be holden in that county he maie be proceaded against ac- Coining in Lancashire.

cording to the lawes of this realme ordained to that pourpose; and in thexamining to cause him to discover suche others as he knoweth to be also faulse coyners, and thereof to advertise their Lordships.

Popery. A letter to Mr. Cromer signifieng the receipt of his letter of the xxth of this presente, with the examinacion of Laurence Busher and certen papers founde aboute him concerning Popery, for which his care their Lordships doe yeilde him their harty thanckes, and do thincke it meete that he geve order that at the next Assises in that county, or sooner yf it maie be, he doe geve order that he be proceaded againste according to the lawes of the realme, &c.

The Earl of Thomond. A letter to the Lord Deputie of Irelande that where the Erle of Thomont hathe ben an humble suiter unto her Majestie to geve order to her President in Monster to put him in possession of the Castelles of Corverkayne and Dormely, with other his lands withelde presentely from him by certen of his neighbours without just cause or title, her Majesties pleasure was that their Lordships shoulde write unto him to se the said Erle restored to the possession of them, and for the more effectuall perfourminge thereof they thinck it meete to advertise his Lordship thereof, desiering him to advertise the said President how to proceade to the accomplishing of the same, unlesse he shall knowe some especialle cause why it shoulde not be put in execucion, which otherwise, for the good opinion her Majestie and their Lordships have conceived of him, they do wishe maie be done, as also that from tyme to tyme he be used withe convenient favour and assisted againste suche as shall any waye wronge him.

Yf your Lordship shall finde any lawfull cause why he should not be restored unto any suche of his Castells and lands we praye you to signifie the same unto us fourthwith.

p. 48. A letter to the Lord President of Monster that where the Queen's Majestie, in the xvjth yeere of her raigne, at

the humble suite of our verie good Lord, therle of Thomont, gave order unto Sir William Fitzwilliams, then Deputie of that realme, for the restitucion of suche Castells of his as were at that tyme possessed wrongefullie by certen his neighboures countenanced by therle of Desmonde, whiche was not so effectuallye accomplished as her Majestie coulde have wished; wherefore since her Majesties last repaire hether, uppon speciall good liking hadd of him and his good service heretofore donne and the good opinion conceived of his good affection towards the furderance of her Highnes' service there, hathe not only by her Letters Patentes confirmed unto him suche grauntes as heretofore have ben made unto his predecessors for (*sic*) her Majesties father and others her progenitours, but also her pleasure is he shoulde doo his indevour to put him in the possession of the said Castells, which by vertue of her Majesties firste order unto Sir William Fitzwilliams aforesaide shoulde then have ben delivered unto him; their Lordships have thought good to recommende unto his care the accomplishment of this her Majesties will and pleasure in this behaulfe in suche sort as the same maie be effectuallie put in execucion, unles he shall finde any lawfull impediment to the contrarye, as that the same shall appeare to be directlie prejudiciall to her Majesties service; how be it for that he offerethe that yf any suche there be, he will be contented uppon every occasion to deliver the same uppe unto him or any other that shall serve in that place to her Majesties use, so that Clare and Bonrattye be excepted, he him sellfe takinge it to be otherwise noe smale discredit that any of the said Castelles appertaininge unto him shoulde rather remaine or be committed to the keeping of private personnes, and of meaner calling then him self, who hath alwaies shewed him self ready to imploy both lyfe and goods in her Majesties service; he is desiered to deale so effectually in this behaulf as he maie be restored to the possession of the said Castells according to her Majesties most gratiouse meaning.

A bankrupt cloth merchant.

A letter to the Erle of Penbrook that where one William Merisall of Sarum, latelie become banckroupte, is since his breaking knowne to be farre in debte to diverse persones, and particulerlie to Swithin Childe and Robert Croppe of Romsey in the some of xl^{li} for certen kerseies hadd of them before the tyme of his breaking, and where their Lordships wrote their letters to the Maiour of Salisburie and others for the distributing of the said Merisall's goods unto his creditours, who cannot (as their Lordships are informed) deale therein for that there is a Comission directed unto him
p. 49. and others; their Lordships tendering the equitie of the cause of the said Childe and Croppe, who by losse of the xl^{li} aforesaid, being poore men, are like utterlie to be undone, have thought good earnestlie to desier his Lordship to take some favorable consideracion thereof and yf their kerseies shalbe founde to be in nature (as they reporte), that in distributing of the goods of the said Merisall unto his creditours he will deale withe the said Childe and Croppe according to equitie and conscience.

xxiij October, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Keeper.	Erle of Leycester.
The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.

A private quarrel.

A letter to the Erle of Bedds that where there is lately fallen out a greate disorder betwene Sir John Killigrewe, knight, and Ambrose Digby, esquier, of the countie of Cornewall, wherein, to thende his Lordship maie be better instructed, their Lordships have sent him the copies of bothe their letters written unto their Lordships concerning the matter; forasmuche as their Lordships are desirouse to understande in whome the fault is and how it grewe, they have thought good to desier his Lordship either to call suche gentlemen or other personnes before him as were at the beginning of the quarrell as can testifie the truthe thereof,

or by vertue of theise their Lordships' letters to committe thexaminacion of the same unto suche indifferent gentlemen of that countye as his Lordship knowethe to be indifferent personnes betwene the said parties, who uppon their dilligent travaile therein maie certifie their doinges unto his Lordship, and he fourthwith to sende the same unto their Lordships with his opinion of the matter, that suche furder order maye be taken therein as appertainethe.

A pirate arrested.

A letter to the Sherif of the county of Cornwall that where their Lordships have appoincted William Brooke, servante to the Lord Admirall, to bring up unto their Lordships, under suer and safe garde, the person of Capten John Hamond, a pirate, and forasmuche as it is doubted leaste there maie be some practise used for the rescuing of the said Hamond within that shire, he is required to see the said Hamond safelie garded throughe the said shire under the conduction of Brooke aforesaid, that there be noe disorder used in that respecte. p. 50.

A letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmiralles, &c., to be aiding and assisting unto William Brooke, appoincted to bringe uppe the personne of John Hamond, a pirate, before their Lordships.

*Windesor, 26 *Octobris*, 1577.

Lord Keeper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Warwick.	

A foreigner assaulted.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that where latelie there hath ben an attempte made by one John Masson and Anthonie Egleston, the one servante to Rowland Yeorke, and the other to Medley, nowe prisonner in the Counter, uppon Piero Capony, gentleman of Florence, who (as their Lordships are infourmed) was uppon thexchaing not only shouldered by

* The place, date and names are written in the margin.

them, but at his coming thence taken by the bosom, spitt on the face and assaulted by them bothe and hurte; forasmuche as it is vehementlie to be suspected that they shoulde be sett on by some greate enimye of his to kill him, their Lordships do require him, calling unto him Alderman Hawes and Thomas Willforde, substaunciallie to examyn Anthonie Egleston, already committed to the Counter, what the cause was of the attempte made by him and Masson uppon the said Capony, and by whome they were moved thereunto; and where their Lordships understande that Masson being hurte in the said assaulte is retired to his master's lodging, who hathe refused to deliver him to Mr. Hawes and Mr. Willforde, he is to geve order that the lodging of the said Rowland Yeorke, his master, be entred and the said Masson taken and committed, unles he shall finde his hurte to be of that dainger that he maie not be removed without perrill, then to take bands of him that he shall yeld himself prisonner uppon his recovery at his appointment, and in the meane tyme to cause him to be examined where he remainethe, and his examinacion, together with the other of Egleston's, to be sent unto their Lordships.

28 *Octobris*, 1577.

A recognisance fulfilled.

Thomas Waineman of Whitney Parke in the countie of Oxon, gentleman, being bounde in recognizaunce by Mr. Hercules Rainsforde, esquier, one of the Justices of the Peace in that countye, for his apparence before the Lords of her Majesties Privie Councell, in discharge thereof hath entred his apparence the daie and yeare above written.

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Lord Keper.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	

A letter to the Sherifte of the countye of Sowthampton to send uppe unto their Lordships the person of John Allyn, latelie committed to the comon gaole in that county by the Bushoppe of Winchester and others the Justices there for using slaunderouse speeches against certen of the Justices of that countie. Lewd words.

A letter to Jefferay Poole, requiring him fourthwith to make his apparence before their Lordships.

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucas that where their Lordships are geven to understande that in the choise made of the selected men appointed to be trained for Shott within the towne of Colchester, he hathe, amonge others, chosen some of the hooding (*sic*) of that towne, which seemeth to savor of partialitie; he is advertised that their Lordships cannot allowe thereof, and do wishe him that hensforthe in matters to be delt in for her Majesties service within that towne (considering there is a pike betwene him and thinhabitauntes thereof) that he do suffer others the Justices to deale therein amongeste them and to forebear him self, sithe it will rather hinder then furder her Majesties proceadinges in that place. The training of Shot.

A letter to the Lord Darcye that uppon the receipt of a letter from him and others, the Commissioners appointed for the training of Shott within that countye, signifieng the obstinate dealing of Edward Diroughe, gentleman, to whom they hadd committed the training of one hundred Shotte, their Lordships causing him to appeare before them, charged him with his misdemeanour, whiche after some excuse made submitted him self, and desired their Lordships to be a meane unto him for his good opinion towardes the said Diroughe, promising to make the like submission towards his Lordship, and in all respectes to behave himself as becomethe towardes a person of his Lordships quallitie; whereunto their Lordships doe desier him, at their requestes, to yeilde, the rather for the good opinion they have of his amendment.

Detection of coiners.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, that their Lordships understanding by a letter from them that in thexamining of suche as they dyd first apprehende for coyning of money, they have since detected diverse others verie depelie to be charged for that facte, for which his service, theyr Lordships yeilde them their
p. 52. right hartie thanckes, and doe require them, imediatly uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters, to sende uppe unto the Tower the person of Nicholas Farmor and the reste, who ether have confessed their facte or by thexaminacions taken are effectuallie to be charged with coyning, and their Lordships' letters shewed to the Lieutenante of the Tower shalbe both a sufficient warrant unto him for the receiving of them, and a discharge for the bringers for the delivery of them there; and where they desier to understand what shalbe don withe the frames, printes and other instrumentes for coyning founde amonge them, they are to followe suche direction as hath ben geven unto them from Mr. Secretarye, as also for the sending uppe of the false coyne unto their Lordships.

A pirate to be sent over from Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Deputye of Irelande that where by his order, contrary to their Lordships meaning, the person of Robert Hix, the pirate lately taken by Mr. George Winter at the seas, is staied in that realme and remainethe in the custodie of the Lord President of Monster; forasmuch as for diverse consideracions it is founde necessarie that he be sent hether, he is requiered, imediatly uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters, to geve order to the said Lord President that he be withe as convenient dilligence as maie be sent unto their Lordships; and for his safer delivery heere to geve him his beste advise and assistaunce for the sending of him hether under suer and stronge garde, least by the way some practise be used for the rescuing of him.

A letter to the Lord President of Monster in Irelande, requiring him to sende unto their Lordships the person of Robert Hix, remaining with him, and for his safer delivery

here in this realme to use that care for the conveyeng of him that appertainethe; and for his better assistaunce their Lordships have written their letters to the Lord Deputye there to advise and assiste him for the better doing thereof, for that it behoveth greatlie for her Majesties service that the said Hix be delivered safely here.

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Lord Keeper.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretarye.

A pirate captured in the North Sea.

A letter to the Maiour of Hull and his britheren that where their Lordships understande that by vertue of a Commission from the Lord Admirall they have armed certen shippes to the seas for the apprehending of pirattes, and have taken one Lancelott Greenewell, a notoriouse pirate, master and capten of a shippe called the Elizabeth of Chichester, for which their services unto her Majestie their Lordships do yeilde them their hartie thankes, assuring them that in anie their reasonable suites unto her Majestie hereafter their Lordships will furder them the beste the[y] maie; and for their charges disbursed in that service order shalbe geven that of the shippe and goods of the pirate taken there shalbe satisfaction made fourthwith unto them.

A bankrupt's property.

A letter to George Monnox, esquire, John White, Lancelotte Bathurste and Richard Manningham, merchauntes, that where her Majestie (at the humble suite of diverse of the creditours of Richard Robins latelie attached) is well pleased that as farr as his good[s] will extend they shoulde be satisfied, for the better understanding whereof their Lordships have made choise of them foure to examyn and inquier after all the said creditours, and them to call before them to thintent her Majestie maie be trulie infourmed of the same, and to examyn likewise what money they have received, or goodes by waye of paiment of suche debtes,

being of the goods of the said late Robins, certifieng withe the same the names of such personnes; also to inquire what goods have ben taken, received or delivered at the tyme of the apprehencion of the said Robins, or since, by what personnes and to whome; and of the lease of the late dwelling howse of the said Richard Robins, situate in Lumbard Streate, or of any other his lease, to make inquirie after, and the same to prayse as they shall esteme to be in valewe; and for their better knowledge hereof for profe of creditours' demaunds, by resort to Richard Martyn, Warden of her Majesties Mynt, they maie be better instructed; which don, they are to sett it downe in some plaine order of writing, and to sende the same under their hands unto their Lordships with as muche convenient speede as they maye.

Last of October, 1577, Windesor.

Appearances before the Clerks.

Symon Labeley (*sic*), Thomas Harrison, John Sea and William Sea of Weste Lulworth in the countye of Dorsett, bounde by the Under Sheriffe of that countie for their personall apparence here before their Lordships, have this daye in discharge of their bands entred their apparence.

Edwarde Franshaw of Wareham in the countye of Dorset, bounde by the Under Sheriff of that countie for his apparence before their Lordships, made his apparence the daye before written.

Partridges and pheasants.

Letters into the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertford, Hereford, Warwick, Middlesex, Sussex, Northampton, Bedford and Barcks againste the disorderly taking of partridges and phesantes, according to a minute in the Councell Cheste.

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Seconde of November, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Leyester.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Horsemen for service on the Border.

A letter to the Lord Scrope that where their Lordships understande by a letter of his of the xxvth of October, written to Mr. Secretarie, that he hathe dealte withe the gentlemen in that countrye for a contribucion to be hadd towards the mainetenance of fiftie horsemen to serve for a tyme on the Borders for the suppressing the disorders daily committed by the fugitives, whereunto his Lordship doubteth they will hardlye yeilde, for that it maie seeme to be some innovacion amonge them, although the some that will suffise for that pourpose will not amounte unto above iiij^{xx} li in bothe shires, whiche is but a smale thinge; their Lordships have thought good, uppon furder consideracion had howe necessarie the service of the said horsemen wilbe there for the tyme, to signifie unto his Lordship that of that lxxx li which he thinketh will suffise to beare the charge aforesaid, yf he can procure the gentlemen of both the said shires to allowe the one haulfe, their Lordships are well contented to furnishe him of the other xl li oute of her Majesties treasure at Barwicke, and have to that ende written their warrant to the Threasurer there; they have also appoincted the said Threasurer to disburse unto the Captens before hande, for the victualling of their bandes, two monthes paie or more, as he shall thincke meete, unto whose discreacion they referre the tyme of their staie on the said Borders, whenne they doubt not but his Lordship will have care for the returne of them to Barwick as sone as he shall see noe furder use of their service in those partes.

A letter to the Threasurer of Barwicke that where they have signified unto the Lord Scrope that yf he shalbe able to procure out of the two shires a contribucion of xl l towards the mainetenance of fiftie horsemen to serve on the Borders for a tyme for the repressing of the disorders comitted by the fugitives there, they will allowe him xl li more out of her Majesties treasure at Barwicke to make up the whole some of iiij^{xx} li, which he thincketh will suffise to beare the charges of the said l men during the tyme of their aboade in those partes; he is don to understande that

yf his Lordship can and doth leavie the said some of xl^{li}, then he is required (uppon significacion thereof from the said Lord Scrope) out of her Majesties treasure remaining in his hands to deliver unto him to the use aforesaid the some of xl^{li}; and for that the povertie of the contry where
p. 55. the soldiers shall serve is such as without readye mony the victuallers are not able to fournishe them, he is also required to deliver unto Capten Pikeman and Capten Carvill two monethes paye, or more yf it shalbe needefull, for their bands before hande, to be defalked uppon their ordinarie entertainement; he is like wise required to deliver unto the Captens aforesaid to the use of their companies the some of x^{li} towardes the charges of the carriage of their powder and other necessaries had withe them in this voiage, for which x^{li} this their Lordships letter shalbe his sufficient warrant and discharge, as also for the xl^{li} aforesaid and the two monethe paye or more to be delivered for the victualling of the said two bands.

Fines for abetting pirates.

A letter to Henry Killigrewe, esquier, that where her Majestie hathe appoincted their Lordships Commissioners withe others for the punishing of suche as shalbe founde to have ben aiders and dealers withe pirattes, and hathe authorised them by vertue of the said Commission to sett fynes uppon suche as they shall thincke worthy of punishment in that behaulfe, which said fynes as they shall from tyme to tyme be delivered in to her Majesties use are to be imployed towards the satisfaction of suche as have ben heretofore spoiled by the pirattes with whome the personnes to be fined have cheifelie delt; their Lordships have made choice of him unto whose hands they meane to committe the receipt of the said fynes, which shall hereafter by order from their Lordships be delivered unto him, requireng him to receive the same, and to be accomptable therefore unto them, and to kepe it apart by it selfe, not issuing any parte thereof without specialle warrant from them or any six of them; and to th'ende (*sic*) he maie alwaies before hande understande from whome all such somes are to be received, as also uppon the

paiment of them to discharge the parties, it is appoincted that the bands to be taken of bothe the said parties shall from tyme to tyme be sent unto him, to be by him either cancelled or delivered to the parties uppon paiment of the moneye.

A letter to Mr. Popham, Recorder of Bristowe, that where there is a certen smale coyne of copper latelie stamped at Bristoll, and there openly uttered and received from man to man, aswell within the cittie as without, he is required uppon receipte of their Lordships' letters dilligentlie to examyn by whome the said coyne hathe ben stamped, and by what meanes it is become thus current both within and without the said cittie, and thereof immediatlye to certifie their Lordships without respect of persons whosoever, as he will for his defaulte therein aunswer to the contrarye. A local coinage at Bristol.

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Lord Keeper.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Mr. Glasier that where by their Lordships' order he hath provided certen victuall for 400 soldiers to have ben imployed for her Majesties service in Ireland, forasmuche as there hathe not happened any occasion to use their service in that realme, and therefore noe use of the said victuell, their Lordships thinck it meete that the said victuell be soulde againe with as litle losse to her Majestie as maie be, geving him thanckes for his paines taken in the providing of them, and doe require him, taking unto him for his better assistaunce in that behaulfe the advise of suche as can beste directe him, to make sale of the same to her Highnes' beste commoditie; wherin yf he folowe the course alreadie taken by Mr. Waterhouse at Bristoll in the like, who also having provided a porcion of victuall to that Sale of Government stores.

ende, hathe uttered the same in suche sorte as the whole some firste disbursed hathe ben made againe thereof, their Lordships thinck it wilbe the beste waye, remitting neverthelesse th'ordering thereof to his discreacion.

Horses from Norway for Scotland.

A letter to the Mareschall of Barwicke that where their Lordships doe understande (by his letter directed to Mr. Secretarie) that he hathe made staye of a shippe of Norwaye with certen coltes and mares for Scotlande, and desirethe to knowe their Lordships' pleasures whether he shall permitte the said shippe to passe on her voiage with the said mares and coltes, or to continewe the staie of them, it is signified unto him that sithe the mares and coltes aforesaid are neither of this realme nor shipped here hence contrarie to the lawe in that behaulfe, that they see noe cause why they shoulde be any staie made of them, and therefore thincke it meete that he fourthwith do release them and suffer them to departe; and for that their was noe intent to make sale of the said coltes and mares here, but only to lande them to ease them of the sea, their Lordships se noe cause why the merchauntes of them should be constrained to paye custome.

Claims against the French.

A letter to Sir Arthure Champernowne, knight, that where their is a bruite that six of the Frenche shippes latelye stayed at Plimouthe shoulde have stollen awaye, althoughe their Lordships doe not beleve it, yet they thinck good to requier him to have speciall care that none of them escape untill satesfaction maye be made unto her Majesties subjectes of the spoyles and injuries don unto them by Lausac.

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Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Bushoppe of Lincoln that where their Lordships doe understande by his letter of the xv^th^ of October laste that Dr. Harpsfeilde, latelie committed to his charge, is in dainger by reason of some infirmitie he hathe, whereof there is no meanes to cure him where he remainethe, for that there are not any skillfull phisicions in those partes whose advise he might use for the recovery of his healthe, and therefore desierethe to be permitted to remaine aboute London; forasmuche as his certificate of the danger of his infirmitie is a sufficient testimonie unto their Lordships that the same is not fained, they are contented to graunt his requeste, and have appoincted him to repaire to the Bishop of London and there remaine with him till he shall be fully recovered, and then to returne back againe unto him, for that it is not thought convenient that he shoulde make his continuall abode there with him, whereby he might have meanes to enter into practise with diverse of his owne disposicion; and is therefore desiered to cause him safelie to be conveyed unto the Bishop aforesaid, to whom their Lordships have written their letters for the receiving of him, and uppon his recovery to be ready againe to receive him. Dr. Harpsfield.

A letter to the Bishop of London signifieng unto him that where [their Lordships] are informed from the Bishop of Lincoln that Dr. Harpsfeilde, latelie committed to his charge, is fallen into an infirmitie verie daingerouse, and that for the spedier curing thereof he desierethe to remaine aboute London; their Lordships being credibly informed from the said Bishop that his sicknes is not fained, have thought good to graunt his requeste, and do thincke it best to have him remaine for the tyme with his Lordship, prayeng him that at suche tyme as the said Dr. Harpsfeilde shalbe brought unto him he doe receive him into his howse, there to remaine till he shalbe full recovered of his helthe, and then to returne backe againe unto the said Bishop of Lincoln; and during the tyme of his abode to se him kept a parte, and admitte suche phisicions and surgeons to resort unto him

as he shall knowe not only to be skillfull, but also sounde of Relligion, as near as maie be for the avoiding of practise, yf perchance he shoulde have any intent that waye.

A letter to Dover.

A letter to the Maiour, Jurattes and Comonalty of the towne of Dovour, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Chest.

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Landlord and tenant in London.

A letter to ———————————— that where there is a controversie dependinge betwene —— Fortescu, gentleman, and one Thomas Browne, one of the companie of her Majesties Viollins, concerning a tenement held by the said Browne of Fortescu aforesaid, of the which the said Browne, being seased as tenent unto Fortescu hathe bestowed greate coste in the building and repairing thereof, whereuppon the said controversie is cheifelie grounded; for that their Lordships are desirous to make some good and finall ende betwene them, and therefore finde it necessarie that the said howse be viewed and as neere as may be an estimate to be made of the charges that the said Browne maie have bestowed thereuppon, their Lordships have made choyce of them two, requiring them to repaire unto the howse of the said Browne, standing nere unto Yvie Bridge towards Westminster, and there dilligentlie to survey the same, and what the charges maie be in their opinions and conscience that the said Browne maie have bestowed on the building and repairing thereof faiethfully to certifie their Lordships, that suche order maie be taken therein as maie be aggreable to justice and equitie; and to thende bothe parties maie be presente at the viewe to be taken thereof, their Lordships have appoincted that the same shalbe don the next daye after St. Androwes daye.

vj^to^ Novembris, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Keper.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretarie.

A letter to John Puckering that where there hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships by Griffithe Rice, esquire, a complainte against Philipp Williams, gentleman, who being a Justice of Peace dyd baile (as the said Rice informeth) twoo personnes by him committed to the gaole for beating of a soldier coming from the Muster at Carmarthen, as it is also informed, because he had taken her Majesties wages or was become her Highnes' soldier, wheruppon their Lordships finding the informacion of Rice to be true, thought it mete to committe him; forasmuche as the said Rice furder chargethe him with the pulling of his cognizaunce from his man's sleve, and for using other violence towards his said servante, as also with diverse other matters whereof, as the said Rice informeth, he hathe alreadie taken some knowledge at the last Assise in that county, their Lordships have thought good to recomende the matter unto him, requiring him to use all the meanes he can for the reparacion of the creditt of the said Griffith Rice as to him shall seeme convenient uppon the hearing of the matters betwene them. A Welsh quarrel.

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Lord Keper.	Erle of Warwick.
Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leicestre.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Bushoppe of Durham concerning certen Popishe pristes within his Dioces, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste. Popery in the Diocese of Durham.

A letter to the Erle of Huntington that where their Lordships are geven to understande from the Bishop of Durham that since his coming into the Bushoprick he having discovered certen masse priestes and other personnes outelawed and condemned for Highe Treason againste her Majesties person, who (uppon his searche) having notice thereof, have Popish refugees on the Borders.

Popish refugees on the Borders.

forsaken that county and are fledd into the Midle Marches, and as (*sic*) are harboured by some as unsounde as them selfes; forasmuche as the said Lord Bushoppe hearing that they were withdrawen into the Marches, and craving the assistaunce of Sir John Forster and others the Justices of Northumblande for apprehending of the said personnes, hathe not therein founde them so forwarde as in duetie appertainethe; for redresse whereof (although their Lordships have written to the said Sir John Forster requiring him to doe his beste indevour for the apprehending and attaching the said priestes and other disordered persons), yet have they thought good to desire his Lordship, yf there shalbe any defecte founde in the Warden, that he will not faile to se the same supplied by his assistaunce to be geven to the Lord Bushoppe, bothe in that or any other thing that shall concerne her Majesties service.

A letter to Sir John Forster that where theyr Lordships are geven to understande that diverse Popishe pristes infecting the countie of Durham and other places thereaboute travailing from place to place, withdrawing the people from their obedience towards her Majestie, are of late since the coming of the Lord Bishop of Durham to his Diocese withdrawen into the Midle Marches, and there received and harboured by sundrie evell disposed personnes in suche sorte that the Bishop can by noe meanes come to the knowledg of them; he is required uppon the sight hereof to geve order that diligent searche and inquirie be made throughe-out his charge for the apprehending of them and discovering of all such as are the receivers of them, that order may be taken therein accordinglie; and to th'ende he maie the better finde oute the said masse priestes, their Lordships have sent him herewith their names, requiring him furder that hereafter uppon notice to be geven unto him from the said Lord Bishop of any that shall withdrawe them selfes uppon the like occasions, that he doe immediatlie his beste indevour to apprehende them, and thereuppon to deliver them to the said Lord Bushoppe.

A letter to the officers of the Port of London that where among other shippes there were [detained] by their Lordships' order fyve shippes bounde for Spaigne, whose names are the Golden Noble, the Trinitie Burr, the Mynion, the Anne Gallant, and the Edwarde Bonaventure; for that humble suite hath ben made unto their Lordships that those five shippes might be permitted to goe onward their voiag, they are don to understand that their Lordships are verie well contented that they shall so doe, and doe requier them forthwith to sett them at libertie and suffer them to depart. p. 60. Ships released.

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Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leycester.	Sir Walter Myldmaye.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to John Connyers and William Dodington, Auditours of the Presse (*sic*), that where their Lordships are geven to understande that they have nowe brought the accomptes of Sir Valentyne Browne to some good perfection, they are required presentlie uppon the receipt hereof to make their repaire hether unto their Lordships, and to bring with them the said accomptes and all other thinges thereunto appertaining. Sir V. Browne.

A letter to the Lord Warden and others specially chosen within the Fyve Portes and the Members of the same, with Instructions and a Comission under the Greate Seale to that pourpose (*sic*) according to the tenure of the rest heretofore sent in to other shires. The Cinque Ports.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where their Lordships have written their letters in to most shires of this realme for the restraining of suche as do use dailie to take partridges and phesantes withe nettes and other gynnes, by whose disorder great numbers of bothe kinds are daily killed and the game almoste universallie spoiled; her Majestie findinge that the greatest parte of them so taken are usually London game-dealers.

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brought to London and there soulde to the ordinarie poulters of the Cittie, hathe willed their Lordships for reforming of that disorder to require his Lordship that furthwith he take good and sufficient bands of all the poulters within his charge that they shall neither buy any partridges or phesantes of any personne whosoever that heretofore hathe or hereafter shall bring them to be soulde within the Cittie, nor in any case to sell any partridges or phesantes during the space of two yeares next ensuinge; and to thende this her Majesties comaundement maie be the better observed, he is to appoinct some sufficient persons to take the charge from tyme to tyme to visite the ordinarye provesion of the said poulters, and yf any of them shalbe founde to have forfected their bands, the same to present, that due punishment maye be taken thereof accordinglye.

A summons. A letter to Nicholas Herbert, Sheriffe of the countye of Glamorgan, requiring him fourthwith to make his repaire hether unto their Lordships, where at his coming he shall furder understande their Lordships' pleasures.

p. 61. Suspected persons. A letter to the Sheriffe of Cornewall requiring him to repaire unto the dwelling places of the persones under written or to any other place where he shall understande them to be within the precinctes of that countie, and there by vertue of this warrant to take good bands of them, with sufficient suerties to Her Majesties use for their apparence before their Lordships.

Thomas Tregose,
Thomas St. Albyn, of Clewance, } esquires.
Philipe Wolverston,
Peter Killigrewe,
John Grebar, *alias* Reskynner.
John Penrose of Kethicke, gentleman.

A letter of like tenure to the Sherefe of Glamorgan shire for the personnes underwritten.

Edwarde Kemishe of Kerenmably, esquire.
John Robert ap Ivan.

John Thomas Brewer.
William Ricards.
Robert Addames.
William Herbert.
Rees Bagotte.
John ap John.

A letter to Christofer Barker, William Towerson, William Makepeace, and _____ that where they have taken paines in the praisement of the Golden Lyon of Denmarke, withe suche tacle, apparell and such other furniture as was founde remaining in her, and forasmuche as John Peterson who suethe here for restitucion of the said shippe, &c., alleagethe diverse thinges to be wanting, whereof he hathe an inventarie praysed by those of Denmarke which he shall herewith deliver unto them, they are required nowe to take paines to peruse his said inventarie for suche thinges onlie as shall appeare unto them to be lackinge in the shippe as parte of her furniture, and to consider whether the same be praised according to reason, and thereuppon to signifie their opinions what in conscience they thincke thereof, and that to be don with as convenient spede as maye be. Danish claims.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paye unto William Heydon, esquire, xxxv^{li} for bringing of certen coynes out of Norffolk and delivering them at the Tower. Coins from Norfolk.

A placarde for six poste horses for his returne into Norffolk.

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Lord Keper.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Erle of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Maiour of Newcastell and his britheren and the Capten of Tinmowthe Castell to be favored for Newcastle-on-Tyne.

* The date, place, and names are written in the margin, with a note that they should precede the entries.

selling of some part of their merchandize at their pleasures, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Chest.

p. 62. Coiners in Lancashire.

A letter to the Erle of Darby that where theyr Lordships understande by his letter of the xxviijth of October his care and dilligence used to have apprehended Thomas Wolfall and Henry Asmolde, suspected to have counterfected her Majesties coyne, who as it appearethe having had some privie notice that their lewdenes was discovered are fledd and not to be harde of, whereuppon his Lordship travailing to boult out by whome they shoulde be premonished to shift awaye, founde that one Prudleton had geven knowedge to Wolfall and Thomas Bavande, late Maiour of Liverpoole, to Asmond (*sic*); so as his Lordship sending for them, hathe uppon their examinacion committed them to the gaole, whereof their Lordships do verie well allowe and geve them their right hartie thanckes for his paines taken therein, and do thinck it meete that they bothe do answere their defaulte therein at the next Assises to be holden in that countie; howbeit for that Thomas Bavand aforesaid is comended unto their Lordships as a man verie honeste and of good conversacion and no greate depthe of suspicion to be hadd of his faulte, being charged by a person of noe creditte, their Lordships have thought good to suffer him to be bailed under sufficient bands notwithstanding to answer unto the lawe at the said next Assises, yf he be baleable by lawe, and to that ende have written their letters to the Justices of the Duchy that they shall take baile of him accordinglie.

A letter to the Justices of the Duchy of Lancaster that where there hathe ben latelie committed to the gaole within that countye by the Erle of Darby the personnes of one Prudleton and Thomas Bavand, late Maiour of Liverpoole, for geving notice to Thomas Wallfall and Henry Asmonde of an intent of their apprehencions, whereuppon they bee fledd; forasmuche as the said Bavande is recomended unto their Lordships to be of honest conversacion and no great depthe of suspicion to be had of his faulte, being charged

by a person of noe creditte, their Lordships doe thinck good uppon his humble suite (yf his (*sic* shalbe founde baileable by lawe) that he be bailed uppon sufficient bands to be answerable unto lawe for the matter wherewith he is charged at the next Assises to be holden in that countye.

Execution at Launceston.

A letter to the Sheriff of Cornewall signifieng unto him that where lately there was condemped for Highe Treason one Cuthbert Mayne, and for some causes execucion of him stayed by the Justices of Assise, it is now her Majesties pleasure that he shall fourthwith proceade to see him executed according to the judgment geven by the saide Justices of Assise, and the place of his execucion to be at Lanson uppon a markett daye, where after he shalbe deade and quartered, his hed to be sett uppon a poale and placed in some emynent place within the said towne of Lanson, and his iiij quarters to be likewise sett uppon iiij poales and placed the one at Bodmyn, the second at Torquey, the thirde at Barnestable and the iiijth at Wadebridge; and this letter to be his warrant in that behailf.

Sir Christopher Hatton and Dr. Wilson.

This day Christofer Hatton, esquire, Capten of her Majesties Garde, was sworne Vicechamblaine and one of the Privie Councell, and Mr. Dr. Wilson one of her Highenes' Principall Secretarys.

An ecclesiastical office.

A letter to the Archebushoppe of Canterburye concerning the appoincting of some to supplie Dr. Yeales office, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

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Presente:

Lord Keper.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Sir Walter Mildemay.

The Plague in the City.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Cittie of London that forasmuche as ther hath ben diverse innes, taverns and alehowses within the Cittie latelie towched with the infection, which during the tyme of this Terme (as it is to be doubted) wilbe haunted and used by suche as shall repaire unto the Cittie, and have heretofore accustomed to lodge and frequent them, whereby there maie growe dainger for the increasing and dispersinge of the said infection, he is geven to understande that her Majesties expresse comandment is that he shall presentlie geve order within the Cittie that all suche innes, taverns and alehowses as are knowen to have ben infected since Michaelmas laste be shutt upp and not permitted to lodge or receive any personne into them; and to thende the same maie be carefully don and observed, that he appoincte throughe the Cittie certen fitte personnes to take the charge to see the said howses shut uppe and kept from lodging or entertaining of any as is aforesaid.

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Presente as before.

A letter of the like tenure to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Justice Sowthcotte requiring them to take the like order for Westminster and the rest of the Liberties.

Lord Clanricarde.

A letter to the Lord Deputie that where it is reported that the Erle of Clanricarde is permitted to have the libertie of the Castell at Dublyn, notwithstanding his heynous offence committed againste the State there (a matter that seemeth straing unto her Majestie), whereby occasion is taken to thincke that he shoulde be greatelie favored and his pardon alreadie graunted here, he is, by her Majesties commaundement, required to restraine him and kepe hym close prisonner as before, untill suche tyme as he shall receive other order either from her Majestie or the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell.

An Oxford case.

A letter to Doctor Cole, Vicechauncellour of Oxford, and Dr. Westphaling that where their Lordships directed their letters to Dr. Westphaling aboute May laste for the hearing and ending of a controversie betwene Mrs. Willmott and one Hall, Batchelor of Phisicke of that Universitie, concerning certen debt, at which tyme by reason he forsooke the Vicechauncellorshippe he coulde not proceade therein according to the contentes of the said letter; they are nowe both required calling the parties before them to make some finall ende betwene them according to equitie and conscience, and in the doing thereof to followe the direction of the said firste letter unto Mr. Westphaling, expressing that the said Hall did submitte him self before their Lordships at the Star Chamber to such order for the ending of the sayd controversie as the said Dr. Westphaling shoulde uppon the hearing thereof make betwene them, &c.

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* The Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Recognisances fulfilled.

This daye George Cotton of Warb[l]ington, in the countie of Sowthampton, esquire, being bounde to appeare before their Lordships for matters of Relligion, hathe entred his apparence, his band being taken by order from their Lordships by the Warden of the Fleete for his said apparence the firste day of this Michaelmas Terme.

Frauncis Rogers, gentleman, being bounde for his apparence before their Lordships concerning matters of pirattes' goods, this daye entred his apparence.

A census of recusants.

A letter to the Archebishop of Canterbury that where their Lordships did by her Majesties commaundement lately direct their letters to his Lordship and the rest of the

* The names are given in the margin halfway down the page.

Bushoppes of this realme to be certified of the names and values of all suche as doe refuse to come unto the churche to here Devine Service, among the which, the Sea of Oxon being voyd, they cannot be certified of the recusantes within that Dioces, he is required (for that *vacante sede* the disposition of the spiritualties doe remaine in his handes) to give order unto some personnes well affected in Relligion and suche as are best able to deale therein to inquire of the said recusantes, and to send fourthwith unto their Lordships a true certificate of their names and valewes as nere as maye be; he is also required to take the like order for all his peculiers within other Bushoprickes for the certifyeng of the recusantes, and therein to followe the direction satt downe unto him in their Lordships' first letter.

A letter to the Vicechauncellour of the Universitie of Oxon requiring him with all dilligence to certifie their Lordships of the names and values of all suche as they shall knowe to be recusantes to come unto the churche to heare Divine Service bothe of the Universitie and the towne; and for the severall Colleges and Hawles of the said Universitie that by vertue hereof he charge the Heades of the same to deliver unto him a true note of the names and degrees of every suche person within their Howse as they shall
p. 65. knowe to be backwarde in Relligion, and doe refuse to come unto the churche, and herein neither he nor they to use anie respect of person either for frindshipes sake or otherwise, as they will answere the truste in this behalf committed unto them.

A letter of the like tenure to the Vicechauncellour of the Universitie of Cambridge to certifie the recusantes there.

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Lord Threasurer.	Lord of Hunsdon.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete signifieng unto him that George Cotton, esquire, being bounde by a bande taken by him for his apparence before their Lordships the first daie of this Terme, made his apparence, and have thought good to returne him againe to his keeping, requiring him to receive him into his custodie, there to remaine prisonner till furder order shalbe taken withe him. The Fleet prison.

A letter to the two Lordes Cheife Justices, her Majesties Atturney and Sollicitour, that where there is a controversie betwene Mr. Dr. Dale and one John Speede of London concerning a tenement in Powles Churche Yearde; forasmuche as both the parties are aggreed to have the matter committed to them to be hard and examined, and to be by them ended, they are required to take some paines therein, and according to justice and equitie to make some finall ende thereof, which yf they shall not be able to doe, then to advertise their Lordships in whome the default is. An arbitration.

This daye the Lord of Hunsdon was sworne of her Highnes' Privie Councell. Lord Hunsdon sworn of the Council.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie that where their was of late two hoyes laden with coales appertaining to Nicholas Arundell and John Russell, Frenchemen, brought into Shoreham haven by Gilbert Horsley, a pirate, for the recovery of [which] shippes and ladings a Comission hathe ben graunted out of the Court of thadmiraltie, which, as their Lordships are enformed, is impugned by the officers of the Erle of Surrey in those partes, who challeng the same so brought in by the pirat to appertain to the said Erle of Surrey; forasmuche as their Lordships are desirouse to under- The Admiralty Court.

stand by what right the same is challeng[ed], theyr Lordships have thought good to require him to call before him one Cantrell and one Dix, officers in those partes to the said Erle, who are thought to be at this presente in the Cittie, and to understande by what right they claime the said shippes as pirattes' goods; and uppon thexamining thereof, yf he shall finde their claime to be of noe grounde then to geve order that presente restitucion be made unto the said Arundell and Russell of their said shippes and lading and all other thinges appertaining unto them; and where Horsley, aforesaid, hath taken away from them certen anchors and cables, he is required to geve order that they be restored unto the said Frenchemen, or the valewe thereof; he is required also, yf uppon the examining of the matter he shall finde any lawfull cause of the claime made by the officers aforesaid, to certifie the same unto their Lordships, that such furder order maie be taken therein as appertainethe.

The Piracy Commissioners.

A letter to the Lord Keeper that their Lordships having perused the names of suche as are appoincted to be Commissioners to inquire of matters of piracies within the Bushoprick of Durham and countye of Northumberlande, have thought good to adde William Read, gentleman, Captaine of Holly Island, praying his Lordship that he maie be placed in the said Commission; their Lordships sende unto him also, according to his Lordship's request, the names of the Comissioners severally appoincted for every shire in Walles.

The Marshalsea.

A letter to the Lord Keeper that there was committed from the Councell Table, his Lordship being then presente, the bodie of Philippe Williams, gentleman, unto the Mareschalsea for the disorderlie bailing of two personnes committed to the gaole by Griffith Ryse; forasmuche as the said Philipe Williams, by his submission (sent herewith to his Lordship) dothe confesse his fault and humblie craveth to be releaced from his imprisonment, their Lordships have thought good that he shoulde be releaced, and therefore do desier his Lordship (for that he remainethe at the Mareschalsea at
p. 67. London) to sende for the said Philipp Williams before him,

and uppon the acknowledging of his said submission to geve order to the Mareschall for his enlargement.

The Mayoralty of Dover.

A letter to the Jurattes and Commons of Dover that where their Lordships understande from the Lord Warden that uppon receipt of their letters they assembling them selfes dyd imediatelie goe forwarde in quiete and orderlie manner to the election of their Maiour, and that thereuppon by most voices they have made choyce of Robert Finnet, recommended unto them in their Lordships' letters, whereof they do verie well allowe; and where their Lordships are geven to understande that some amonge them, misliking of the said election, doe by all meanes impugne the same, it is signified unto them that yf the said election hathe ben made by a sufficient number of the Jurattes and the moste voices of the Comons, according to their accustomed order, theyr Lordships see noe cause why it shoulde be altered, and therefore those that have ben impugners of the said election, yf they shall refuse to allowe the same, they are by vertue of their Lordships' letters to commaunde them fourthwith to appeare, to the number of foure, here before their Lordships to aunswer their contempt.

A detained ship to be sold.

A letter to Capten Horsey that where ther is remaining under his charge a shippe appertaining to Edward Dennye, gentleman, staied by order from their Lordships, forasmuche as the said Deny hathe ben humble suiter unto their Lordships that in consideracion of certen debtes which he is fallen into, which he is desierouse to satisfie, he might be permitted to make sale of the same to his best comoditie, he is don to understand that their Lordships are well contented therewith, and doe thincke it meete that the saide shippe be soulde by hym to the use of the said Denny withe his privitie, and is therefore required uppon the receipte hereof with his consent to geve order that sale be made of the said shippe to the most valewe; but first to take bands of the said Dennye that in case the said shippe shalbe challenged for any acte of piracie to have ben committed in her by him, then to be aunswerable to the

parties that shall so complaine as farre fourthe as the valewe of the said shippe shall amount unto, and uppon the sale thereof to deliver the money to the said Denye to be imployed to his owne use.

A local coinage at Bristol.

A letter to Mr. Hanham, Recorder of Bristoll, that where their Lordships are geven to understande that ther is a certen smale coyne of copper (whereof they sende him some peeces) latelie stamped at Bristoll, and there not onlie uttered and received from man to man within the cittie for farthinges, but is also current at that valewe almoste throughe out the countrye theraboute; he is therfore required fourthwith dilligently to examyn by whome the said coyne hathe ben stamped, and by what meanes it is become this (*sic*) current both within and without the said cittie, and thereof immediatlie faiethfullie to certefie their Lordships without respecte hadd of personnes whosoever, as he will answer for his default therein to the contrarye.

p. 68. High Treason.

A letter to Mr. Atturney Generall signifieng unto him that he shall receive the examinacion of one Thomas Sherwood, lately committed by the Highe Commissioners for hearing of a masse and service, examined by Mr. Recorder of London, which examinacion containing matter of Highe Treason againste her Majesties person, their Lordships have thought good to sende unto hym and to require him, after he shall have substanciallie considred thereof, to acquaint the Lord Cheife Justice therewith, and presentlie to geve order that the said Sherwoode be this Terme arraigned and proceadid against according to the lawes of this realme in that behaulf provided; but before they proceade to his arraignement to take some paines furder to examyn him, bothe uppon the pointes of his confession and also to se yf he can discover any others of his knowledge to be of his opinion, and where and of whome he hath gathered the substaunce of his argumentes contained in his said confession, wherein perchaunce he maie boult out some other matter or personnes worthie to be knowen.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie that where their is one Capten Hamonde of Rochell, who hathe ben lately stayed in Cornewall at the suite of certen merchauntes of Barnestable, by whom he is charged to have taken from them about three yeares past out of a Briton shippe, bound for Portugall, certen goodes to the valewe of m^{li} and upwards, which Hamonde together with the said merchauntes having appeared before their Lordships, they have partly harde their allegacions and answeres in writing, which their Lordships send him herewith; and for that their Lordships are desirouse to have the matter more substanciallie examined, and thereof to be certified what he shall finde therof and his opinion of the matter, they have sent bothe parties unto him, requiring him to take some paines therein aswell in hearing what either of them can saie, as also in perusing suche writinges as the said merchauntes can shewe for proofe that the said goods taken by Hamond in the Briton dyd appertaine unto them; and where Hamonde aforesaid desierethe that uppon sufficient suerties to answer his doinges by lawe he maie be permitted to be released of his imprisonment, yf the same may be conveniently don their Lordships shalbe contented (being first certified therof from him) to yelde thereunto, in the meane while he is to remaine prisonner in the Mareschalsea. The Admiralty Court.

A letter to the Commissioners to treat betwene the prisonners of her Majesties Benche and their creditours, that by the inclosed petiticion they shall perceive the state of a controversie betwene Sir Edward Braye, knighte, prisonner in her Majesties Benche, and one John Bacon of London and others concerning a matter of debte, in which his peticion he alleageth to have ben verie uncharitablye handeled by his said creditours, and therefore hathe made humble suite unto their Lordships for their letters to be directed unto them the Commissioners aforesaid; wherefore their Lordships have thought good verie earnestlie to recomende the matter unto them, and doe require them by vertue of their Commission to take some paine to examyne the whole con- The debtors in the Queen's Bench. p. 69.

troversie, and accordingly to proceade to the compounding of the matters betwene the said parties, and therein to take some suche course as shalbe agreable with equitie and conscience; wherein yf he shall finde the said Bacon and the rest to persist in their extremitie, and that by their travaile they shall not bring them to any convenient composicion, then to certifie the same unto their Lordships that furder order may be taken for his better relief in that behalf.

The Tower.

A letter to the Leuetenante of the Tower requiring him to receive into his hands of Mr. Recorder of London the person of Thomas Sherwoode, and to retaine him close prisonner and from conference withe any person untill suche tyme as he shall receive order from Mr. Atturney Generall, who is appointed to examyne him uppon suche matters as he is to be charged withall; and shewing this, their Lordships' letter, to Mr. Recorder it shalbe his sufficient warrant for the delivering of him.

He is required in a *postscript* that yf the said Sherwood shall not willingly confesse suche thinges as shalbe demaunded of him, he is then required to committe him to the dongeon amongest the rattes.

The census of recusants in the Inns of Court and Chancery.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where in the Generall Order taken by their Lordships for certeficates to be hadd of all suche within the realme as doe refuse to come to the churche, there was omitted the Innes of Courte, which two places [are] greatlie infected with Poperie; their Lordships advising thereof do thincke it meete (the said Innes being priviledged places, and under his Lordship's jurisdiction) to desier him fourthewith to appoincte in everie suche Inne some persons well affected in Relligion to take the charge to inquire of the recusantes, and to deliver unto his Lordship a perfecte certificate bothe of their names and valewes as neere as he maie; and for the Innes of Chauncery their Lordships have written their letters to the Lord Cheife Justice of Englande to take the like course in every of them, and to be certified accordinglie; and where diverse persons of the

said Innes have sundrie tymes for their backwardnes in Relligion ben expelled out of these Howses, whereof their Lordships desiering to understand whather ther hath followed any conformitie or noe, doe desier his Lordship that the like inquirie may be made whether any so expelled are any thinge amended; and as many as shalbe found to continewe obstinatelie in their blindnes to be bound for their apparence fourthwith before their Lordships, that such furder order as is to be taken with the reste of the recusantes maie also be taken with them.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Justice of Inglande that where it is her Majesties pleasure to be certified of all such personnes as doe refuse to come to the church to heare Divine Service, and to that ende hath commaunded their Lordships to direct their Lordships (*sic*) to all the Busshoppes to be certified of the recusantes within their severall Diocesses; forasmuche as the Innes of Chancery are verie well knowen not to be free from that infection of Poperie, he is required furthwith to make choyce of some such persons within every of the said Innes of Chauncery as he shall knowe to be well affected in Relligion, and to use their assistaunce to inquire of all such being of anie of the said Innes as are backwarde in Relligion, and doe refuse to come to the churche, and as nere as they can to make a true certificate as well of their names as of their valewes both in lands and goods, and the severall certificates of every suche Inne to be sent unto their Lordships within viij daies after the receipt of their Lordships' letters, prayeng him that in the making of the said certificates speciall care be hadd that the same be don without respecte of personnes of what degree or calling so ever they be. p. 70.

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Lord Admirall.
Erle of Warwick.
Erle of Leicester.
Lord of Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Great Yarmouth and the corn trade.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, and Drue Drury, esquire, that where their Lordships are geven to understand by their letters of the v^th^ of this presente that where a lycence hath ben heretofore graunted unto the town of Greate Yermouthe for the transporting of certen quantities of corne out of that countie, the profitt whereof to be imployed towards the mainetaining of the haven there, of which licence they have not by the space of these two yeares enjoyed any commoditie by reason of a Generall Restraint of Corne untill this yeare, which they signifie to be verie plentifull in those partes, and therefore desier that for this yeare they might be permitted to transporte some quarters; they are given to understande that their Lordships are verie well contented that they shall enjoye the benefitt of their said licence so longe as they shall see that their transporting of corne shall not inhaunce the prices within that countye, and therefore to comitte the charge thereof unto them, requiring them that yf they shall perceive anie dearthe to followe therebye, that imediatlye they restraine them from transporting any more for the tyme, for that their Lordships woulde be lothe that by their private commoditie a generall incommoditie might happe to the countrye.

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A private quarrel.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles that where there hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships the peticion inclosed against Thomas Chaderton, gentleman, by William Chaderton, whereunto their Lordships have caused the same Thomas to answer in writinge which they send also herewith, and for that he seemeth depelie to be charged in the said complaint with many matters not to be slightelye overslipped, yf they shoulde be founde to be true, which the said William Chaderton offerethe to prove againste him; their Lordships have therefore thought good to comitte the examinacion of the same unto him, requiring him to take some paines therein, and to signifie unto their Lordships fourthwith what he shall finde of the matter, that suche furder order maie be taken therein as appertainethe.

A placarde to the creditors of Thomas Chaderton and other his suerties, and to all others that have any cause of action against him, requiring them that, forasmuch as there Lordships have committed the examyning of a matter betwene hym and one William Chaderton (*sic*), for and during the space of xv^en^ daies next ensuing the date hereof they do forbeare to trouble or moleste him either by arrest or otherwise for any matter or cause whatsoever heretofore happened betwene him and them, as they will answer to the contrary at theyr uttermost perilles.

The relations with the Low Countries.

A letter to Alderman Pullison that where complainte hath ben made unto her Majestie that he hath made an arreste of certen shippes of Holland and Zeland uppon an action of debte betwene him and certen merchauntes of those partes, whereby is like to followe the like staye of Englishe merchauntes on that syde, he is don to understande that their Lordships doe not a litle mervaile how he durste be so boulde to enter into so generall a course thereby to geve occacion of a generall offence betwene the subjectes of that country and those of this realme; he is therfore required presently uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters to geve order that they maye be released, and thereof not to fail as he will answere the contrary at his perill; which being don, he is presentlie to make his apparence before their Lordships to aunswer his doinges in that behaulf.

Suspected persons.

A placard to all officers commaunding them to be aiding and assisting unto the bearer for the apprehencion of one William Symons, John Crofte, Richard Clansfield and John Spring, wheresoever they shalbe founde, be it within Liberties or without, and the personnes so apprehendid to se them safelye committed to the gaole, there to remaine till furder order shalbe taken withe them; and incase they shall receive notice from Sir Henry Knevet, suspected for the matter for the which the personnes before mentioned are at this presente to be apprehended, then are they also required to doe their best indevours to apprehende and committe them

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accordinglye, and also to ayde and assiste the bearer of all suche thinges necessarie as he shall require at their hands for the better executing of this service, as they will answer for their default to the contrarye.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Cess in Ireland.

A letter to my Lord Deputie of Irelande that where uppon the peticion of Sir Nicholas Malby, knight, hertofore made unto their Lordships for certen quantities of Cesse rates due unto him uppon the countie of Wexforde for the bande of horsemen under his leadinge in the tyme of the governement of Sir William Fitzwilliams, knight, their Lordships not onlie wrote their letters to him for the leavienge and answeringe of the said Cesse to the use of the said Sir Nicholas, but also since the tyme of his Lordship's charge have written earnestlie unto him in the same cause, and doe finde by the copie of a Commission that Sir William Fitzwilliams dyd directe warrant for it to the gentlemen of the countye, which by his sodaine revocacion was neverthelesse not executed; forasmuche as Sir William is still of opinion that the same hathe not ben leavied uppon the countye, but is still due by them, their Lordships have eftsons thought good to require him that fourthwith he proceade according to justice to the leavieng of the said rates according to the former Comission graunted by him, admitting noe excuse whereby Mr. Malbye shall have occasion to trouble this Borde with any more complaintes in a matter that bothe by justice and custome is dewe unto him, and

wherein his Lordship's authoritie dothe sufficiently serve to geve him his right, requiring him to be carefull thereof, &c.

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Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Willson.
Mr. Treasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.

Suspected Welshmen.

A letter to the Sheriffes of Carnarvon and Merioneth to make their repayre to the parsons under namyd, or to such places where they shall lerne them to be, and there to take good bondes with suretyes to her Majesties use that they shall fourthwith make their apparance before the Lordes and others of her Majesties Counsell:—

John Griffith of Llyn, *armiger.*
Hughes Owen of Meryonethshire.
Rowland ap Robert, *armiger.*
Robert ap Richard of Llethythor.
Morice ap John David of Clynecote, gentleman.
Hugh ap Robert of the Comniote of Issaph (*sic*).

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Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erle of Leicester.	Sir Rafe Sadler.
Lord of Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildemay.

Rogues and Vagabonds.

A mynute for the repressinge of roges and vagabonds haunting the highe wayes within the counties of Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Hartford, Bucks, Barks and Surrey, according to a mynute remaininge in the Councell Cheste.

* The whole of this entry is written in the margin.

p. 73. xxv^th November, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord of Hunsdon.	

Highway robbers.

A letter to George Goring, William Morley and Thomas Lewkner, esquiers, that wher complainte hathe ben made unto their Lordships of a robberie committed uppon Thursdaie laste, the xxj^th of this presente, at Ripley townes ende, by vij lewde personnes in a companie of whome there is hetherto no knowledge hadd, and for that their Lordships are geven to understande that one Cooke *alias* Olyver, dwelling at Stansteede Howse nere Chichester, belonging to the Erle of Arundell, hath declared that he knewe one of them, as by a description sent herewith unto them maie appeare, whereby yf dilligence be used in thexamining of the said Olyver their Lordships are of opinion that some of the parties that comitted the facte maie be discovered; their Lordships have thought good to require them presentlie uppon the receipt hereof to call the said Oliver before them, and upon his said description substanciallie to examyn him what the person is by him so described, where he dwellethe and to whome he belongeth, with such other circumstances as they shall thincke convenient in that behalf; and thereuppon, yf they shall understande him to be within that countie, to geve order for his apprehencion, as also for all such others as they shall by their dilligent inquirie of the matter suspecte to be guiltie of that facte; and incase none of them shalbe remaining within that shire, then to certifie what they shall finde by thexaminacion of the said Oliver, that suche furder order maie be taken therein as shall appertaine.

Lewd words.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes that where their Lordships doe understande from Thomas Poley, esquire, of certen lewde and slanderouse speeches

uttered by one Edmunde Riper against th'rle (*sic*) of Leycester, as shall appeare unto them by a copie of an examinacion of one John Elliott, servante to Sir Thomas Tyndall, knight, sent herewith unto them maie appeare, whereby they maie perceive where the said Riper is to be harde of; they are therefore required to cause dilligent searche to be made for thapprehending of the said Riper in anie place where they shall understande him to be within that countie, and uppon his apprehension to committe and examyn him, and therein to take some paines for the boulting out of the truthe of the originall of the said slaunderouse speches; and suche as shall appeare to be touched therein, in like case to committe and examyn him, and thereuppon to certifie their Lordships what they shall finde thereof, that suche furder order maie be taken with them as appertainethe.

A letter to the Vice President and Councell in the Marches of Walles that their Lordships understanding by their letter of the vjth of this presente that diverse private personnes having licences to dispence with sundry Penall Statutes do by them selfes and theyr deputies disorderly vex and molest the people to their great discontentacion within the Principality of Walles, wherein they desier that some order maie be taken for the restraining of them; their Lordships, uppon consideracion had thereof, have thought good to require them to staie their proceading in that behaulf, and to advertise what the personnes be to whome the said licences be graunted, and for what matters their Commissions are, and thereuppon suche furder order shalbe taken as appertainethe. p. 74. Irregularities in Wales.

* Presente as before.

Two letters into the countyes of Somerset and Glocester, unto the Commissioners for the Restraint of Transporting of Graine within the said counties, to permitte Sir William

* The whole of this entry, which is undated, is made in the margin of p. 73.

Drury, knight, to leavie and transport into Irelande, for the victualling of her Majesties garrison and other tropes within the province of Monster, two hundred quarters of graine, fortie barrells of butter, and xl^te^ weyes of cheese, to be taken upp the one half in thone shire and the other half in the other, notwithstanding any restraint to the contrary.

xxvij^th^ *Novembris*, 1577.

Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Pirates' booty. A letter to Mr. Cantrell and Mr. Dix, officers to the Erle of Surrey in the countye of Sussex that where they have made staye of two Frenche hoyes at Shoreham brought in by one Gilbert Horsley, a pirate, making claime unto them as in the nature of a weife to appertaine unto the Erle of Surrey, their master, and where they refused to obey the Commission of thadmiraltie and their Lordships' letters directed unto them for the restoring of the said two hoyes to one Russell and one Arundell to whome they doe belonge; their Lordships were desierouse to understande by what right their challenge was made unto the said shippe and goods, and to that ende wrote their letters to the Judge of the Admiraltie to conferre therein with them and to be certified yf the cause of their intencion was lawfull or not, whereuppon he hath written that their claime thereunto hath no ground or collour in lawe and justice, they are therfore required uppon the sight of their Lordships' letters to deliver the said two hoyes, withe all suche tacle, furniture and merchaundize as was founde in them at the tyme of their staye made, unto the foresaid Russell and Arundell, all unnecessarie delayes layed aparte, and thereof not to faile as they will answere to the contrary at their perilles.

A letter to the Bishop of Durham that where their Lordships are geven to understand that there is one William Weekes latelie apprehended within the Bushopricke of Durham uppon suspicion of a murder by him to be committed in London about July last past; for that the frinds of the partie slaine have ben humble suiters unto their Lordships that the said Weekes might be brought to London, where the facte was comitted, the rather for that there be manie circumstances depending on the said facte which cannot be so convenientlie dealt in wher he now remaineth, he being so farr from London, his Lordship is therfore required accordingly to cause the person of the said Weekes fourthwith to be delivered to Hamblet Holcraft, the bearer hereof, taking sufficient bands of him to her Majesties use for the safe delivering of the said Weekes here at London. A charge of murder.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Atturney, Mr. Sollicitor, Mr Recorder, that where latelie uppon some hearing of the matter contained in the complaint exhibited by the Welshmen unto her Majestie againste certen officers of therle of Leycester in Walles, their Lordships thought it meete for better discovering of that practise, after some speche hadd withe them, to committe those eight personnes unto the Mareschallsea, which were caused to stay there for the answering of those matters that they might be examined severallie and a parte concerning the same; they are therefore required to take some paines dilligentlie to examyn the said viij personnes, framing their interrogatories from the substaunce of the said complainte (which for that pourpose is sent unto them), and from suche other circumstaunces as they shall thinck most fitt and incident unto the matter, wherby they maye boult oute the originall and cause of their attempt in this behalf, and what they shall finde thereof to certifie their Lordships that furder order may be taken accordinglye. p. 75. A Welsh case.

A letter to the Erle of Anguishe that their Lordships understanding by the testimonie of the Lord Scrope the good England and Scotland.

disposicion and singuler care he hathe aswell towards the furderaunce of justice in those partes within his charge as to the continuaunce and advauncement of the leage and amitie betwene the two realmes, wherein as his Lordship dothe well deserve the good opinion and commendacion of the State where he dothe service, so is he noe lesse worthy of great thanckes at her Majesties hands; on whose behaulf theyr Lordships doe yeilde them verie hartelie unto him and withall doe lett him understande her Highnes' good acceptacion of his proceadinges in that behaulf, which their Lordships doubt not but he will continewe as the best course that can be kept, bothe for the quiet of the Borders and increase of the love and liking betwene the subjectes of bothe frontiers, in the which he maie assure him self of that correspondence of her Majesties Ministers in this syde that in any respecte maie be required.

Reprisals against the French.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde that wher their Lordships are geven to understande that in the Frenche shippes stayed by their order at Plimouthe there are diverse kinds of merchaundizes of that nature that unlesse they be carefullie preserved and looked unto will easelie perishe, and considering that those merchaundize there stayed are to be employed towards the recompensing of her Majesties subjectes spoiled by Lausac, yf the Frenche King shall not se restitucion to be made unto them; his Lordship is therfore desiered, taking thadvise of Sir Arthure Champernon, to make choyce of certen skilfull personnes of Plimouthe or thereaboutes to whome he maye committe the charge to viewe and visite the said merchaundize, and suche as they shall finde to be subjecte to perishinge and maie not well abide, to take care for the keeping and preserving of them
p. 76. till furder order maie be taken withe them; and for that it is to be doubted that when the Frenche shall perceive that their good[s] stayed are like to be imployed towards the satisfaction of those that have ben injured by Lausac, they will not sticke to make waste thereof, they care not how, it is thought mete that suche as his Lordship shall appoincte

to take the care for the visiting of the kinds of merchaundize aforesaid, doe also take veiwe of all the rest of the merchaundize within every of the said shippes, and to make a perfecte inventarie of the whole of what kinde soever, and that he doe geve such order for the safe keeping thereof as it be not in any respecte wasted or imbeaceled, either by the Frenche them selfes or by any other.

xxviij° Novembris, 1577, Windesor.

This daie Henry Bradbridg of Horsham, in the county of Sussex, enjoyned by the Lord Threasurer for his apparence this Terme before the Lords of her Majesties Privie Councell, hathe entered his apparence. An appearance.

Secundo Decembris, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Lord President of Yeork signifieng that by thinclosed peticion he shall perceyve the state of a controversie betwene one Rowland Vaux, gentleman, of the county of Cumberland, and one Richarde and Gerrarde Lowthers, brithern, also of the same countye, and where the said Vaux hathe ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships to call the said Lowthers before them and to examyn the said controversie here, their Lordships have thought it more convenient (the persons being inhabitant within his Lordship's governement), to recomende the matter unto him, ernestlie requiring his Lordship to take some paines to boulte out the truthe betwene them, and as uppon profe he shall finde the parties culpable, to punishe them according to the lawes of this realme in that behalf provyded. A Cumberland quarrel.

A Danish claim satisfied.

A letter to Henry Killigrewe, esquire, that where their Lordships geve order unto him by their letter of the seconde of November laste that ther shoulde be payed unto him, to her Majesties use, by Sir Richard Rogers 50^{li} at the ende of this last Terme, and to lay the same a part from other her Majesties threasure, to be yssued as their Lordships shoulde
p. 77. thincke meete, he is required uppon sight hereof to deliver and paye the said l^{li} (yf he have received it) to the bringer hereof, John Peterson of Denmarke, taking of him a sufficient quittaunce under his hande for the receipt thereof, and this their Lordships' letter to be his warrant for paiment of the same.

Malt kilns in Northampton.

A letter to the Maiour of the towne of Northampton that where by his letter of the xxiijth of November he hath made meanes unto their Lordships that one John Mercer of that towne might be permitted to erecte a mault kill within the towne in suche place as the same shall not be daingerouse upon any inconvenient of fyer, he is geven to understande that so he take order that the said kill be placed accordingly, their Lordships are verie well contented that the said Mercer shall have his desyer, and therefore doe require the said Maiour to have regarde thereunto accordingly.

iiij^{to} Decembris, 1577.

Lord Keper.	Erle of Leicester.
Lord Threasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Claims against the Dutch.

A letter of Mr. Davison, Agent for her Majestie in the Low Countries, that where their Lordships are geven to understand by his letter of the iiijth of November, written

to Mr. Secretary Walsingham, that the Flushingers had exhibited a request unto the Prince of Orenge towchinge an arrest made by Alderman Pullison of certen shippes of Zelande, which request he sent inclosed in his letter, he is geven to understande that fourthwith uppon the receipt thereof their Lordships caused the said Alderman Pullison to appeare before them to answer his doinges in that behaulf, whose answer contayning the substance of the whole controversie betwene him and the said Flushingers their Lordships send inclosed in their letter unto him, to thende he maie the better informe the Prince of Orenge of the cause of the arreste and order of the proceading of Alderman Pullison here in that matter, which their Lordships, having throughlie considered of, doe finde no cause to blame the said Alderman Pullison for his kinde of dealing in the recovery of that which hathe ben taken from him by the said Flushingers, especiallie for that he hathe not otherwise dealte therein then according to the tenure of their own bands made unto him for his restitucion; albeit at this presente he hathe released the shippes and is at their Lordships' instance p. 78. content to accepte their owne offer contayned in the request by them exhibited unto the Prince, so that within three monethes next following they will cause full paiment to be made unto the said Alderman of the principall debt with the intereste at Andwerpe, for which purpose he presentlie sendethe a man to attende the receipt thereof accordingly, and is therefore required after he shall have made the Prince acquainted therewith, to deale therein with him that the said Flushingers maye performe their promis for the payment of the debt and the intereste, and that within the space of three monethes, as is aforesaid, at Andwerpe; otherwise yf they shall faile thereof and use delaies to defraude him of his owne their Lordships see noe cause why he sholde be forbydden to take the benefitte of the lawe for his better reliefe.

A letter to Mr. Pilkington that where their Lordships are advertised that he hathe entermedled with the leavieng of

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a certen somme of money uppon the clergie of that Church which dothe not appertaine unto him, he is therefore required, immediatlie upon the receipt of their Lordships' letter to make his repaire hether unto their Lordships to answere his doinges in that behaulf.

A seditious speech and book.

A letter to Sir Folke Grivell and Edward Eglaunbye, esquire, that where by his letter of the xxth of November, written to the Erle of Leycester, wherein was inclosed a letter sente to him from Mr. Goodyeare, their Lordships are informed of certen lewde and sedicious speeches uttered by one Edward Starkey in the howse of Mr. Goodyeare to a mayde of his, they bothe are required to (calling unto them Mr. Goodyeare) to repaire unto Warwike where the said Starkey remaineth prisonner, and there by vertue hereof to proceade to thexamining of him particulerlie uppon the said sedicious speches by him uttered; and where there is mention made in the said speches of a boke to remaine in the hands of one John Joyner foretelling matters to come concerning her Majestie, they are also required amongest other thinges to examyn him substancially towching the said book, and accordinglie to geve order for thapprehending and examining of the said Joyner, or any other of whome they shall have notice by his said examinacion to have seen or otherwise have hadd knowledg of the said book.

The law in the North.

A letter to Sir George Bowes, knight, that where their Lordships wrote their letters unto him for the apprehending of one Christofer Newton uppon an outelawrye at the shute (*sic*) of Charles Smithe of the Rolles, whome he dyd accordingly apprehend and comitte; forasmuche as their Lordships understande at this presente that the sayd Newton enjoyeth his libertie, and the said Smithe is noe waye answered of that which lawe hathe given unto him against the said Newton, he is required to certifie unto their Lordships what order he tooke with the said Newton before his enlargement, and whether him self have accomplished the contentes of their Lordships' letters concerning the satisfaction of the said

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Charles Smith, that accordingly such furder order may be taken as shalbe convenient.

Reprisals against Portugal.

A letter to the Commissioners for Portugall Causes that where their Lordships are geven to understand that one Jacomo Bardi, layeng claime to certen goods which heretofore have ben seased as belonging to Portugalls, and distributed unto certen her Majesties subjectes by way of recompence of suche goods of theirs as were stayed in Portugall, they have, at the suite of the said Bardi against Georg Smith, draper, proceaded to the redelivery of so muche of the said goods as have ben receyved by the said Smith by order from them, not having first hard the said Smithe, who, during the sicknes of his late brother Sir Thomas Smithe, knight, was still attending on him, and thereby coulde not convenientlie come to answere the action of the said Bardi; which, yf it be true, semeth not a litle straing unto their Lordships, especially the said Bardi being as they are informed, an officer of the King of Portigall in his Alfondiga in Lixborne, in to whose custodie the goods of her Majesties subjectes at that tyme stayed in Portigall were committed; they are therfore required to staye their proceading therein, taking better examinacion of the said Bardi and hearing such matter as the said Smithe shall produce against him for profe that he hathe ben and yet is a minister of the said King of Portugall, and yf he shall so appeare unto them, his claim made unto any parte of the said goods may be accordingly withstoode and frustrate, and therefore thincke it mete, after they shall have harde the allegacions of the said Smithe, that they certifie what they shall finde thereof, that accordingly suche furder order may be taken as shalbe thought meete in that behaulf.

A lewd woman.

A placarde to all officers that where their Lordships do understand that one George Worley *alias* Rogers, having in his company a lewde woman (wyfe of an other man) whom he hathe abused and ledd aboute the countrye by the space of a whole yeare or more, which Rogers either is or of late

hath ben (as their Lordships are informed) servant unto Mr. Dymocke, esquire, of the countie of Lincoln; they are therefore required and in her Majesties name commaunded to make dilligent searche within their jurisdictions, and in all other places where the bearer shall geve notice unto them of the being of the said Worley *alias* Rogers with his woman, be it within Liberties or without, and by vertue hereof to apprehende them bothe, and to comitte them furthwith unto safe custodie, there to remaine till they shall receyve furder order from their Lordships in that behalf; and where the woman is charged to have carried away her husband's goods, which she hathe lewdeley spent in the company of the said Worley *alias* Rogers, they are also
p. 80. required (yf they shall understand where any parte or parcell of the same is remaining in whose hands soever) that they will sease the same into their hands to the use of the husbande afore said, unto whome of right it doth appertaine.

A bargain as to land.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Justice Monson that where there hathe ben a longe controversie betwene John Kyser, gentleman, presentlie prisoner in the Mareschalsea on th'one partie, and Mr. Dr. Huycke, William Chetwyde and Athlanta Chetwyde on the other partie, concerning the purchas of a certen peece of lande lyeng in the county of Kent; forasmuche as the parties are fallen to an agrement before their Lordships, for accomplishment of the which there is an assuraunce to be made for the said Kyser of the lande in controversie unto Mr. Dr. Huycke, &c. uppon payment of 100 markes unto the said Kyser, they are required upon the repeiring of the parties unto them to take knowlege thereof, and to devise of such a forme of an assurance to be drawen betwene them as they shall thinck meete and convenient to be made from the said Keyser for him self, his wyfe, his sonne, or any other that hereafter shall pretende any clayme unto the said land from or by him, and that to be don withe as convenient spede as may be.

Quarto Decembris, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Keper.	Erle of Warwick.
Lord Threasurer.	Lord of Hunsdon.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Rack in the Tower.

A letter to Mr. Lieutenante, Mr. Atturney, Mr. Sollicitor and Mr. Recorder, or any iij of them, that where their Lordships by their letters of the xxvjth of November doe understand the paines they have taken in the examininge of Sherwoode in the Tower, for the which theyr Lordships doe yeilde them their right hartie thanckes, and where they signifie by their said letter that Sherwood dothe not onlie stagger in his firste confession and faine woulde retracte his wordes in respecte he affirmed her Majestie to be an hereticque and usurper, but also will in noe case be brought to confesse or answere suche other interrogatories as they have propounded unto him, their Lordships are of opinion that yf he be used therafter he can discover other personnes as evell affected towards her Majestie as him self, they are therefore to assaie him at the Racke uppon suche articles as they shall thincke meete to minister unto him for the discovering either of the personnes or of furder matter.

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A dispute settled.

Whereas there had long dependid before their Lordships a matter in controversie betwene Robert Huycke, Doctor of Phisicke, and William Chetwinde, gentleman, sonne-in-lawe to the said Robert Huicke, on the one partie, and John Keiser, gentleman, on the other partie, concerning a capitall mesuage with certen landes thereunto belonging called Stilsteade in the countie of Kent, this day uppon some hearing of the said controversie, their Lordships being desirous to

* The date is given in the margin.

make some finall ende betwene the said parties, it was ordered with consent of the said Doctor Huicke and William Chetwinde aforesaid, for themselfes, and ——— Keiser, for and in the name of John Keiser, her husband, then prisoner in the Marshalsey, that, in consideracion of one hundred markes to be paid unto the said John Keiser or his said wife to his use by Dr. Huicke aforesaid, he, the said John Keiser, shold make an assuraunce of the said lande in controversie for him self, his said wife and their heires unto the said Dr. Huicke and his heires, releasing all such title, claime or interest as they, or any of them, or any other person claymyng any estate by or under them, did, or might pretende unto the said lande; whereupon their Lordships directe their letters unto the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Justice Mounson, requireng them to advise of some convenient forme of an assuraunce to be drawen
p. 82. betwene bothe parties, which being by them donne acordinglie and to the purpose above rehersed, bothe the said parties returned againe unto their Lordships the xijth of this present, signifieng their satisfaction recevid on both sides by the said agrement, and therewithall humblie besought their Lordships that, for a perpetuall remembraunce of their said agrement and satisfaction, this order taken betwene the said parties by their Lordships, might be set downe as an Acte of Recorde in the Councell Boke.

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p. 85. The detained French ships. * A letter to Sir Arthure Champernon, knight, that where their Lordships understande by his letter of the xxviijth of November that there are diverse emptie vessells of the Frenche stayed both at Plimouthe and at Dartmouthe, and the men having consumed their victuall doe remaine in necessitie there, wherefore he desirethe to know their Lordships' pleasure what shall be done with them; he is don to understand and soe required that forthwith he release all the men that are

* This entry has been struck out in the MS.

in the said emptie vessells, permitting them to returne into their countrye, and their vessells to remaine still where they are under arrest untill furder order shalbe taken withe them, taking care that such tacle, munician and furniture as is remaining in them be safelie kept and preserved, to be fourthcoming at all tymes when it shalbe required, and to take care also that the vessells doe not perishe or sustaine any damage where they remaine.

Reprisals against Portugal.

A letter to the Commissioners for Portingall Causes that where by vertue of a Commission from her Majestie some of their Lordships were appointed the principall for the distributing of the Portingalls' goods unto diverse of her Majesties subjectes by waye of recompence for losses sustained in Portingall, they have since the beginning proceaded in the execucion of the said Commission, not having hitherto made their Lordships privie with anie parte of their doinges, althoughe they have ben diverse tymes required thereunto; they are therefore comanded fourthwith to make their repeire hither unto their Lordships, and to prepare them selfes to render accompte unto them of their proceading in the said Commission since the tyme of their entraunce to thexecucion thereof.

v^to^ Decembris, 1577, Windesor.

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptrollor.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A forger's property.

A letter to Mr. Recorder and Mr. Martyn that where, uppon thapprehencion of Elloye, latelie detected for making of stampes for coyninge, his goods by order from their Lordships were seased to her Majesties use and his howse shut uppe, since which tyme his wyfe and mother, with his familie, by want thereof being driven into greate neces-

sitie, have made humble suite unto their Lordships that they, for their reliefe and sustenance, might be restored to the use of their said howse and implementes uppon sufficient suerties to answere them unto her Majestie upon due eviction (*sic*) of the said Elloy; he is geven to understande that their Lordships (pittieng their poore estat) are contented, yf they can geve in sufficient suerties for the answering of his said goods as is aforesaid, that thereuppon he doe restore them unto the possession of the said howse and implementes, for the which this their Lordships' letter shalbe his sufficient warrant and discharge.

p. 86. A false charge. A letter to the Lord Marquis, Lord Vicecount Howarde and the rest of the Justices in the countie of Dorset, that where Robert Gregorie of Weymouth, Melcombe Regis, hathe of late ben appointed to serve her Majestie in some causes within the countie of Dorset and to make reporte of his doinges in that behaulf, having for a good space attended here at the Courte, some personnes evell effected towards him in that countrye, as their Lordships are informed, have maliciouslie spreade certen speaches againste him, charging him that since his attendaunce here he hathe gon about to accuse certen gentlemen and others in that sheire and to bringe them into evell opinion of us of her Majesties Privie Councell; their Lordships (having had him diverse tymes before them, not finding him to have any suche maliciouse pourpose againste any, but to have delt honestlie and duetifullie) have written theise their letters as a testimonie of his innocentye in the matter, requireng them for his purgacion, the mainetenance of his creditt and satesfieng of suche as are entred into mislikeng against him, to publishe the contentes of theise their Lordships' letters, that all men may knowe them within the same countie.

A history of Ireland. A letter to the Bishop of London that where there is latelie published an historie of Ireland by one Stanhurste and printed by ———— in London, in the which many thinges are falcelie recited and contrarie to the

ancient records of the said realme, he is required to call the printer before him, and to examyn him what number of the bookes he hathe printed, how manie of them he hathe soulde into Irelande, and what number he hathe remaining withe him, and by vertue hereof to commaunde him neither to sell or print anie more of the said histories, as he will answer the contrarie at his uttermost perill; and thereof particulerlie to certifie their Lordships that such furder order maie be taken as shalbe thought convenient.

A letter to the Lord of Kildare that where there ys remaining in his service one Stanhurste, with whome their Lordships have presentlie some occasion to deale, he is required presentlie uppon the receipt hereof to sende the said Stanhurste unto their Lordships, who at his coming shall understand their pleasures.

The imprisoned coiners.

A letter to Mr. Atturney that where there are in the Tower of London and Newgate certen personnes latelie apprehended for coyning, whose triall their Lordships doe wishe maie be no longer delayed, he is therefore required to take presente order that the same maie be hastened and dispatched before the tyme yf it be possible.

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A case removed from the Star Chamber.

This day, with the consent of Sir John Souche and Sir Thomas Stannop, knightes, it was ordered before their Lordships that all such matters as was depending in the Starre Chamber or before their Lordships concerninge a controversie betwene the said Sir John Souche and William Souche on the one partie, and Sir Thomas Stannoppe to (*sic*) the other, sholde be hearde and throughlie determyned by their Lordships and not be any furder prosecuted in the Stare Chamber orels where, saving onlie that the witnesses on both sides shold be examyned in the Starre Chamber at or about the beginnyng of the next Terme, and thexaminacions

taken to be brought sealed up furthwith unto their Lordships, and the saide examinacions to be delivered to her Majesties learnid Councell, to be by them perused and drawen into a briefe extracte for their Lordships' more ease in proceding therein, and the said lernid Counsell to be also appointed to be present and attend at the hearing and determyninge of the saide controversie; which being prepared as is aforesaide, redie for their Lordships' hearinge, it was lickwise ordered that the next day after Candelmas Day their Lordships wold beginne to proceade to the hearing
p. 88. of the said controversies, at which day the parties were enjoyned to appere before them for that purpose.

(pp. 89 *and* 90 *are blank in the MS.*)

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Lord Keeper.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Bristol coinage. A letter to the Maiour and Aldermen of Bristoll concerning the farthinges of copper, according to a mynut remayning in the Councell Chest.

A murder in Wales. A letter to the Vice President and Councell in the Marches of Walles that where their Lordships are informed of a murder committed about Alhallowtyde last by a lackey of William Vaghan's, of Llanrotherewe in the county of Hereford, upon Thomas Kirll, sonne of Anthony Kirll, gentleman, of the said countie, [they] have written their letters unto him for his undelayed apparence before their Lordships, and to bring with him his said lackey; they are required that yf the said Vaghan shall absent him self of pourpose or refuse to obey their Lordships' said letters that they ayde the said

Kirll by all meanes they may, so farr fourthe as the said Vaghan may uppon his contempt be constrayned, ether by bands to be taken of him or otherwise at their discreacions to apprehend him, and to cause him to be brought before their Lordships.

A letter to William Vaghan that where their Lordships are informed of a murder to have ben committed by a lackey of his uppon one Thomas Kirle, son to Anthony Kirll, he is required to make his undelayed apparence before their Lordships, and to bring with him his said lackey, and thereof not to faile, &c.

A dispute settled.

An order sent downe betwene Sir John Souche and Sir Thomas Stanoppe for the ending of the controversie betwene them, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Chest.

Rioters in the City.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where their Lordships do understande by his letter of the iiijth of December his carefull dealing towching the punishing of certen quarrellouse personnes within the Cittie, their Lordships have thought good to signifie unto him how well they doe accept thereof, and withall do yeilde him their right hartie thanckes; and forasmuche as the disorder between Mr. Cotton, her Majesties servante, and those gentlemen of London hathe ben the greater by the unlawfull banding and parte taking on either side, and therby the evil of them growen the greater, for repressing whereof their Lordships have thought good that he doe proceade to the furder finding out and examining of all such others as have taken parte in the said disorder and in like case to committe them to prison, and in this his proceading to take the advise of the Master of the Rolles, and together to certifie the numbers and names of those whome they shall committe, that such furder order may be taken with them as shalbe convenient.

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A letter to Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland concerning Mr. Winter, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Chest.

* Hampton Courte, *xj° Decembris.*

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Lincoln.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Hampton Courte.

Provisions for the squadron on the Irish Coast.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Irelande that where there was a proporcion of victuall lately brought unto Waterforde appoincted for her Majesties shippes then remaining in that coaste under the charge of George Wynter, who departed therehence with the said shippes before the victuall coulde come unto him, whereof their Lordships doubt not but he hath had knowledge and taken care for the preserving of the same, or at the leaste for the bestowing thereof in suche sorte as her Majestie be noe looser thereby; their Lordships have therefore thought good to require him, yf he have not alreadie caused sale to be made thereof in Ireland, that he will geve order that it maye be sould to her Majesties best commoditie either within that realme or any other place where he shall thincke it maye be better uttered for her Majesties profitt, and the money growing thereof he is to be accomptable unto her Highnes, and assone as he may by his letter to certifie the Lord Threasurer what order he shall have taken therewith.

xij° Decembris, 1577, Hampton Courte.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Gunpowder for a Dutch Captain.

A letter to the officers of the Porte of Dover, or els where to whome it shall appertaine, that where the bearer, Capten Thomas of Zelande, is desierouse for his peculier provision

* The place, date and names are given in the margin.

to transporte one barrell of gon powder, they are required to suffer the same quietlie to passe without anie their molestacion, not demanding therefore either custome or any other thing there unto belonging, for suche is her Majesties pleasure.

xv^to^ Decembris, 1577. p. 93.

Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroller (*sic*).
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Comptroller.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to Sir Arthure Champernon that where amonge other Frenche shippes remaining under arreste at Dartmouth and Plimouthe, foure named The St. Vincent, The Guilliame, The Norman and The Michael weare also stayed there upon opinion that all their goods and lading had ben of the Frenche; forasmuche as uppon due examinacion of the matter their Lordships are asertained that the most part of the goods in the said iiij shippes doe belonge to the subjectes of the King of Spaine, and consigned for that countrye by Spanishe merchantes residing in the Lowe Countries and at Roan, therefore and for that the Queen's Majestie meanethe not the staye of any of the said Kinges, her good brother's, subjectes goods, finding good correspondency on his part, their Lordships have thought good to signifie thus muche unto him, as also to will and require him, upon the receipt hereof, to take undelayed order that the said foure shippes withe their lading, apparrell and furniture, and so muche of the said goods as appertaine to the said King's subjectes and the persons belonging unto them may be fourthwith released and permitted to proceade on their intended voiage at the pleasures of the conductours; and thoughe their Lordships doubt not but that he hathe caused good regarde to be hadd for the safetie and fourthcoming of all the goods of the said shippes to be answered upon all occasions, yet for due profe of the parcells claymed

the bearer hereof dothe bring unto him a note of the particularites with marginall markes as the peeces are marked, well considered and examined by the Judge of the Admiraltie, whereunto he is prayed to have regarde, that the parties have noe furder cause of just complaint in this behaulf.

Bearing arms in London.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Cittie of London that where the Queen's Majestie is [c]rediblie infourmed that certen gentlemen and others have lately and doe yet use to walke in London (some of them armed) by waye of banding th'one against th'other in dangerouse manner, althoughe by their Lordships' late letters unto him order hathe ben geven to the contrarie, which her Highe[nes] verie muche misliking hathe geven charge to have duelie and tymelie redressed; for the avoiding of thinconvenience which tracte of tyme and sufferaunce may breade their Lordships doe will and require him, in her Majesties name, to informe him self well of the causes moving this banding by examining the principalls and other fitt circumstaunces, and as just matter shall fall oute worthie of punishment to take suche order with thadvice of the Master of the Rolles, the Recorder and the rest of his britheren, as these insolencies
p. 94. and disorderly assemblies may be redressed; and of his doinges, together withe suche matter as he shall discover herein, he is required to advertise the Lords to be imparted unto her Majestie, assuring him that in thexecucion of this service he shall not lacke any assistaunce that they can yelde him.

The detained French ships.

A letter to Sir Arthure Champernon that where by his letter of the xviijth of November he signified unto their Lordships that there were diverse emptie vessells of the Frenche stayed bothe at Dartmouthe and Plimouthe, and the men, having consumed their victualls, doe remaine in greate necessitie, and therfore desierethe to knowe their Lordships' pleasures what shalbe don with them; in answer whereunto he is don to understand that the Queen's Majestie, being crediblie infourmed that her subjectes shippes latelie

stayed in Fraunce are released, her Highnes is pleased to doe the like to those Frenche shippes, and therefore he is required uppon the receipt hereof to release the said emptie shippes, with their apparrell and persons belonging unto them, to depart at their pleasures; and in case any thing of the said shippes have ben layed on lande, or otherwise taken from them without the consents of the owners, their Lordships doubt not but he will have suche sufficient care and order that they may be recompenced to their contentmentes, so as they have noe cause of just complaint or otherwise recompence them selfes uppon her Majesties subjectes on the other side, whereof maye growe misliking and question.

Highway robbery.

A letter to Mr. Nudigate that where their Lordships heretofore comitted unto the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Wightman, three of the Justices of the Peace in the countie of Middlesex, thexaminacion of a greate robbrie latelie don nighe unto Wolverhampton upon a goldsmith of Lichefielde, called Nicholas Collins, by diverse evell and lewde personnes, amongest whome Ellys Parbolt, his servante, is detected to be one of them, he is commaunded immediatlie uppon the receipt hereof to apprehende or cause to be apprehended the said Ellys Parbolt, and him safelie to carry or sende unto the said Commissioners to be examined and furder proceaded with for his said offence as to justice appertainethe; and yf he cannot shortelie apprehende him, then that he him self do appeare before the said Commissioners to shewe the cause thereof, and to answer unto suche thinges as by them shalbe demaunded of him towching his said servante, and to bring with him also an other servant of his called Gerrarde, and thereof not to faile, &c.

* Hampton Courte, *xvij° Decembris.* p. 95.

Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* The place, date and names are given in the margin.

Pirates' plunder.

A placarde to all officers that where there is a proces directed out of the Court of the Admiraltie for restitucion unto Nicholas Breman and Christofer Mourrie, Frenchmen, of a shippe called the St. John of Abbeville, of the burden of xxv tonnes, whereof the said Nicholas was owner and master, and the goods where with she was laden, being x lastes v barrels and half of herringes and one barrel of white salt, which shippe being taken by Phipson, the late pirat, was afterwarde, uppon pursuit made, forsaken by the said pirate, and came into the hands of Sir John Constable, knight, where she nowe remainethe; they are required to be ayding and assisting unto the said bearers in thexecucion of the said processe.

xviij° Decembris, 1577.

Appearances before the Clerks.

Hughe Owen of Estmanethe in the county of Merioneth, John Griffithe of Llyell Llyen, Rowland ap Robert of Meltern, Hugh ap Robert of Issay (*sic*), Maurice ap John ap David of Clunanege, sent for by their Lordships, dyd this daye make their apparence, togither with one other called Robert ap Richard of Llechythor, of the countie of Carnarvan in North Wales.

xxij° Decembris, 1577, Hampton Courte.

* Lord Keeper.	Mr. Treasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord of Hunsdon.	

A Devonshire Haven.

A letter to Sir Humfrey Gilbert, knight, and Mr. Bernaby Drake, ij of the Commissioners joynid with Sir Gawin Carew and Sir Robert Denis for the building of Culliton Haven at Seaton, to call before them Walter Morice and Thomas Weston, Walter Rawlin and John Clerk, Collectors for monny

* The names are given in the margin.

through the realm (by Letters Patentes from her Majestie), to be imployed for the making of the said Haven, and to take accompte of them and their Deputie Collectors what monny they have received of their collection, in what places and shires, to whom they have delivered or distributed any of the same monny, and how it is expended, and to what the totall amountith, and what they shall fynde to advertise their Lordships.

At Hampton Courte, *xxij° Decembris*, 1577.

* Erle Lincoln.
Erle Warwick.
Mr. Treasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.

A passport. A passport for Jones Guarleys, gentleman, belonging to the Lord President of Monster, for post horses and a vessell.

The Fleet prison. A warrant to the Warden of the Fleete or his Deputy to receave John Griffin of Llyn, Rowland ap Robert, Hugh ap Robert, Morice ap John ap David and Robert ap Richardes, and to committ them to close prison till furder order from their Lordships.

Ships released. A letter to Peter Graye, Searcher of London, willing him to suffer three barkes of Rye remayning in the port of London and stayed there, viz., the Grace, the Jesus and the William Bonaventure, to departe to Rye, taking bondes of the masters of those barkes that they shall not departe from Rye till furder order from their Lordships.

Yet *xxij° Decembris*, 1577. p. 96.

The Welsh prisoners. A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Mr. William Gerrard, Lord Chancelour of Irland, Mr. Atturney and Sollicitour

* The names are given in the margin.

Generall and Mr. Recorder of London, or to any ij of them, to examyn John Griffin, Rowland ap Robert, Hugh ap Robert, Morice ap David and Robert ap Richardes, being commytted close prisoners to the Fleete, upon such articles as they shall think best out of such matter wherunto they have bene allready pryvy, and wherwith the said persons are to be charged, and one Heughe Owen, not commyttid, to be lykewise examyned.

A wreck on the Goodwins.

A letter to the Lord Warden that where there is a shipp laden with spices and divers other wares by Alderman Pullison and certain other marchantes which is happenid to wrack about Goodwin, to give order to the officers within the Cinq Portes for assisting and ayding, that the goodes may be preservid from spoyling and restored to the owners.

Highway robbery.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Jasper Fissher and William Wightman, to examyn a servant of John Nudigate of Hatfeld, in Middlesex, called Gerrard, and to joyne Mr. Atturney Generall with them, thexaminacion to be for a great robbery of late don upon a goldsmith of Lichfeld nighe to the town of Wolverhampton.

At Hampton Court, 26 *Decembris*, 1577.

* Erle of Lincoln.	Mr. Treasurer.
Erle of Warwik.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A ship released.

A letter to the Maiour of Chichester and Mr. Richard Lewkner for the discharge of a shipp called the Annibal, belonging to one Gilbert Horsey, having bene stayed by order heretofore gyven by their Lordships, taking bondes to her Majesties [use] of Horsley (*sic*) for his good behaviour in such somme as they shall think meete; the ship to be releassed with her furnyture and tacle.

* The names are given in the margin.

A warrant to the Knight Marshall to putt Mr. Edward Denny to libertie upon his own bond of m^{li} to her Majesties use for his good behaviour, the bond to remayn in force till by their Lordships' order it shall be discharged. * Earl of Leycester, his hand to this.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcott with a Supplicacion exhibited on the behalfe of one Robert Nele, prisoner these iiij yeeres in the Kinges Bench, to examyn the same Supplicacion, and yf he shall fynde no cause but that he may be eyther putt to libertie or bayled upon suertyes to make furder aunswer to the matter at any tyme hereafter, then to give order accordingly without furder warrant in this behalfe, and for his dooinges herein their Lordships' letters shalbe warrant. A poor prisoner.

A letter to the Erle of Bedford to commytt Nevell Sandes, lyeng yet as (*sic*) his Lordship's charges, to such prison as his Lordship shall think good, without accesse to the said Sandes of any but as his Lordship shall think meete, till furder order from hence. Another prisoner.

xxvij° Decembris, 1577, at Hampton Court. p. 97.

† Lord Treasurer
Lord Chamberlain.
Erle of Warwik.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Secretary Willson.

A letter to ———— of Trinitie Hall, in Cambridge, and to the Fellowes there, that where there are ij Fellowspihs presently voyd in that Colledge they will place one William Creek in one of them at the tyme of their first election, the rather becawse he hath servid her Majestie in the Chappell and is presently Scholler of that Colledge. Cambridge Fellowships.

‡ Procured privately.

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* Original marginal note. † The names are given in the margin.
‡ The words are added in the same handwriting immediately after the entry as to the Fellowship.

Welsh complaints against Lord Leicester.

A letter to the Bishop of Worcestre, Vicepresident of the Counsell in the Marches of Wales, and to the rest of the Counsell there touching those parsons of Wales who exhibited a Supplication to her Majestie against certain of my Lord of Leycester's officers, according to the minute of the said letter remayning in the Counsell Chest.

xxx° Decembris 1577, at Hampton Court.

* Erle of Lincoln.	Mr. Treasurer.
Erle of Warwik.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

The price of wine in London.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that in consideracion of the liklyhoode of the contynuance of high prices of wynes (which have bene this year bought by certaine persons at xvj^{li} the tonne and upward, and then sold agayne at v^{d} the quarte, contrary to the rate lymyted), and in consideracion of the dutifull observacion of the former order appoynted for the buyeng, selling and retayling of wines (at the rate lymyted) by the Company of Vinteners and others licenced to retayle wynes, and that some persons be licenced by Letters Patentes by vertue of Mr. Horsey's graunte to sell to their most gayne, and that their Lordships think it not against reason but that the libertie shuld be equall to the wholle Company, the rather because they alledge their graunte under Letters Patentes from the Prince for the buyeng, selling and retayling of wynes to their best profitt; the Lord Maiour shall gyve order that the said Company of Vinteners and others may be sett at libertie for this yeere now to come and be permytted to sell their wynes by retayle in lyke sorte as those personnes doe who be dispensid with both in that Citie and in the country by vertue of Mr Horsei's graunte; and to the end they may avoyde the danger of such bondes as they or any of them

* The names are given in the margin.

have entred in to buy and under (*sic ; ? for* utter) their wynes at a certain price, the said Lord Maiour to take order that they may be discharged of their severall bondes by warrant of these theyr Lordships' letters, which shall allso be a discharge to him for his dooinges in this behalf.

A letter to Sir H. Ratclif to sett at libertie one John Hamlett, having a good tyme remaynid in prison there for a rumour spredd of taking up of peuter and brasse, and to be discharged of his imprisonment as sone and in such sorte as Sir Henry Ratcliff shall think good. A prisoner released.

A letter to the Maiour of Kingston upon Hull to call before him one Clerk, late Sherif of Hull, one Fayborne, George Smith and one Hewett, and to take bondes of them severally for their apparance before the Lordes within xiiij dayes immediatly after the receipte of their Lordships' letter, to aunswere to such matter as at their coming they shall furder understand. * Sent by Shakerley, the Messenger, *ultimo Decembris.*

Memorandum: this day were committed from the Boorde by the Lords, Mr. Cotton to the Marshalsea, and Mr. Herdson to the Porter's Lodge for their quarrells. Private quarrels in the City.

Memorandum: the last of December Sebastian ——— was committid to the Marshalsea. Misplaced entries.

† *Eodem ultimo Decembris.*

A private letter was sent from Mr. Secretary Willson to John Conway by Walton, the Messenger, to repaire to the Court without any delay.

Ultimo Decembris, 1577, at Hampton Court. p. 98.

‡ Erle of Sussex.
Erle of Warwik.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Willson.

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* Original marginal note.

† This entry is made in the margin, and with its predecessor should have appeared amongst the business of the following day.

‡ The names are given in the margin.

Lawlessness on the Welsh Marches.

A letter to the Sherif of Worcestershire, Richard Liggon, John Folliott, Edmund Harwell and John Knotesford, esquiers, Justices of Peace there, that where in July last past ther were certain letters sent [from] some of the Counsell to the Counsell in the Marches of Wales, which their Lordships were infourmid were intercepted and taken from one Anthony Powell, gentleman, bearer of the same letters, travelling upon the high waye at or neere to Worcester, by the frendes and servantes of one Thomas Bury of Overwik, gentleman, and the said Powell and one William Liggon, then happening to be in his company, were hurt and wounded, &c.; their Lordships doo require them to cause diligent searche to be made for the persons under written, and to cause them to be apprehended and to enter bondes severally with good suertyes to her Majesties use for their personall apparance within xv dayes next after warning gyven to them before theyr Lordships, and not to departe without licence; and in case any of them refuse to enter into bondes, then to commytt him or them so refusing unto warde, ther to remayne untill such tyme as upon knowledge therof to be gyven to their Lordships by them they shall receave furder order from hence in that behalfe.

Thomas Burne to be bound in c^{li}, Walter Nicolas in c^{li}, Walter Collins in xx^{li}, Thomas Bacheler in xl^{li}, Robert Wigsly in xl^{li}, Thomas Evans in xl^{li}, Humfrey Andrews in xl^{l}, and John Lappington.

A letter to the Sherif and Justices of Peace of Worcestershire reciting the matter above, and that one John Lappington, a frend of Thomas Bury, having bene hurt on his left legg in that violent attempte of taking the letters from Powell, of which hurt (as theyr Lordships were infourmyd) he languished viij or x weekes and then dyed, upon whose death the said Bury by meanes of his frendes procured an inquest to be impaneled within the citie of Worcester, where they were found guilty of willfull murder before the Coroners there; theyr Lordships mynding to have due examinacion of

these matters and punishment to ensue, doe require them that whansoever any tryall be made by inquest upon this matter the same may be done before them openly and the evidence to be gyven at the barre before them, that the truth may be knowen, and what they shall fynde to advertise the Lords.

A Letter Patent to Frances Rogers of Westelnworth, in Dorsettshire, gentleman, to repaire fourth with to my Lordes to aunswer to such matter as he shall understand at his cuming; sent by William, the Messenger. A summons.

At Hampton Court, the second of January, 1577. p. 99.

* Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Treasurer.
Erle of Lincoln.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Warwik.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

A letter to Sir Arthur Champernon and to the Maiour of Plymmouth that wher there is now at last an agreement made for the satisfaction of Henry Sekford, esquier, and other the English merchantes for the losses susteynid by them throughe the arrest of their shipps and goodes of late made by Monsieur Lausac in France, their Lordships require that order be fourthwith taken that the ships and goodes belonging to the Frenchmen of Deepe, with all theyr tacckle, furnyture and apparell, which be stayed in the West Country, may be discharged and suffred to departe quietly at their pleasure, and to provide them selfes of victells and other thinges necessary for their reasonable money; but their Lordships doo allso lett them understand that, notwithstanding this agreement, the said French merchantes of Deepe, togither with the French Ambassadour heere resident, have ernestly desyred that such French men besydes them, whose ships and goodes were and yet doo remayne stayed there for one Claims against the French.

* The names are given in the margin.

selfe occasion, may not be suffred to departe thence untill such tyme as they shall have contributed or otherwise satisfied the said merchantes of Deepe for payeng some parte of that somme of monny which is agreed upon, being ij$^{m^{li}}$ sterling; for the aunswering wherof though they only of Deepe are bounde, yet, considering the others are comprised within the agreement and are therby to be releassed, the request is of those of Deepe to have them contributors for some parte towardes the said ij$^{m^{li}}$, which request thus made their Lordships could not well refuse, and therfore their Lordships desyre them to see yt accomplished, making it knowen (as true it is) that this proceedith from the said French Ambassadour and men of Deepe and not from their Lordships; and when they shall understand that those other Frenchmen have eyther contributed or agreed thereunto, or that the Ambassadour shall require them to be discharged, then to suffer them allso to departe; and in case there be any of them who throughe want of victualls or other necessaryes have or shall sell any of their wares or goodes, only to releeve their wantes, theyr Lordships require them to gyve to gyve (*sic*) order to the officers there to whom it shall appertayne not to demaunde or take any custom for the same thinges so solde by them, excepte the same shall be in any greater quantitie than shall suffise to supply and furnish their wantes.

Eodem secundo Januarij, at Hampton Court.

* Lord Treasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Arrundell.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erle of Leicester.	

The Musters in Derbyshire.

A letter to Sir Thomas Cockin, Sir Humfrey Bradborn, knightes, and Fraunces Curson and Frances Rodes, Justices

* The names are given in the margin.

of Peace in the countie of Derby, and to every or any of them, that wheras at the tyme of the late Musters in that countie of Derby upon occasion of producing the furnyture of armour and weapons, their Lordships do understande that the countrie hathe shewed them selfes much agreeved with Sir John Souch, who, having charge among other gentlemen in the tyme of the last rebellion, received diverse thinges into his hands for the furnishing and setting fourthe of his soldiers at that tyme, as armour, weapon and monney, and dyd not (as it is alleagid) make delivery nor accompte of the same as he shoulde have don at the ende of that service, as order was generallie geven to every Capten that he shoulde doe, to thende it might be knowen what was wanting and what remayning, and the same to be restored and safelie kepte in places appoincted thereunto againste any other occasion of neede; of which greefe of that countie the Erle of Shrewesburie hathe somwhat advertised their Lordships, and therfore have thought good to signifie thus muche unto them, and withall to sende unto them herewith a book of the particular deliveries and receiptes by the said Sir John Souche, and a copie of his answere thereunto; bothe which they all, or at the least three of them, are required dilligentlie to consider and examyn, and what they shall finde thereof in their opinion to signifie unto their Lordships by their letters as sone as they conveniently may, and to returne the said book againe unto their Lordships that such furder order may be taken therein for contentacion of the contry as the cause shall require.

* Lord Threasurer. Earl Leicester. p. 100.
Lord Admirall. Mr. Walsingham.
Lord Warwick. Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Lord Scrope that where it hathe pleased her Majestie to graunte unto Mr. Wolley, her Highnes' Sir T. Smith's successor at Carlisle.

* The names are given in the margin without date or place.

Secretary for the Latyn tounge, the Deanery of the Churche of Carlysle, who having of pourpose sent thether to understande the state of that Churche, to th'ende that suche thinges as were a misse might be refourmed, their Lordships doe nowe by his reporte understande that certen of the same College remaine in depe arrerages to the Churche; for remedie whereof their Lordships have thought good to require him to call before him aswell the accomptantes of the Churche of Carlisle whome they shall understande to remayn in debt, as the tenentes who are behinde with their rentes, and as he shall finde cause to geve order either that they paye the said arrearages and rentes due to that College, or to shewe some reasonable cause why they ought not or doe not paye the same; and of his doinges herein to advertise their Lordships with as convenient speede as he may, as also yf there shalbe any slacknes used herein by any partye.

Quinto Januarij, 1577, Hampton Courte.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Arundell.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

The Piracy Commissioners.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where their Lordships have recevid letters from Sir Nicholas Pointes and foure others joyned withe him in Commission for matters of piracie, advertising that they finde them selfes insufficient for the number to proceade according to the instructions sent them from their Lordships by want of thassistaunce of the Maiour and Recorder of the cittie of Bristoll, because the same cittie and Glocester likewise are counties of them selves, and their Commission extendethe onlie but to the creekes and havens within the county of Glocester; the like is certified from the Lord Thomas Howarde and Sir Henry Ashley that their Comission extendethe only to Dorset

shire, not giving them authoritie to sett in the towne of Poole because the same is a countie of it self, whereuppon the Maiour and Recorder of Poole, for avoiding the infringing of their Liberties, not to require their apparence before him (*sic*), by reason whereof as yet nothing hathe ben don by vertue of these two Commissions; wherefore his Lordship is desired fourthwith to geve order that two newe Commissions maie be made which maie containe sufficient authoritie to the Commissioners to set and execute their Commission aswell in the citties of Bristoll, Glocester and towne of Poole, as in the counties of Glocester and Dorset, that ther may be noe furder delay used in this her Majesties service; it is certified also by the Lord Howarde that they want authoritie to sent (*sic*) for and to examyn any suspected person by oathe that hathe bothe (*sic*) or made any contracte for pirattes, which, yf it be so, his Lordship is also desiered to helpe in; and in the Commission for Glocester shire there is a name mistaken, that is Nicholas Pate for Richarde Pate, which is nowe to be amended; and because they doe alleage the farr distaunce of Sir John Tracy and the impotencie of Mr. Try in the same Commission, and do thincke it woulde furder her Majesties service that some other gentlemen in that devision neere Bristoll were authorised with them, his Lordship is required that the gentlemen * hereunder written be put in the newe Commission, to th'ende there maie be nothing wanting to furder this so necessarie a service. p. 101.

An absconding wife.

A letter to the Lord Clynton and, in his absence, to Robert Carr, esquire, that where their Lordships doe understande that of late there hathe ben apprehended and committed to the gaole at Lincoln one Georg Worley *alias* Rogers, having in his companie at the tyme of his apprehencion a lewde woman, the wyfe of George Acres, gentleman, remaining under baile by his Lordship's appointment either at Lincoln or els where within that countie; he is required presentlie uppon the receipt hereof to geve order that the

* The names are not given.

saide Worley *alias* Rogers maie be safely kept in the gaole at Lincoln, where he nowe remainethe, untill he shall receive furder order from their Lordships; and, for the woman, he is likewise required, with assistaunce of one or two Justices more, to geve order that she maie be safelie conveyed from the place where she nowe remainethe unto the next place of either constable or bailiffe, willing them likewise to se her conducted and delivered to the next constable or other officer, and so from one to an other till she be safelie brought to London and there delivered over to the Highe Commissioners by the first day of the next Terme at the farthest, there to be farther dealt withall, &c.

v (sic) *Januarij*, 1577, Hampton Courte.

Lord Admirall.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord of Arrundell.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord of Leicester.	

A City Company.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that wheare the bearer, Christofer Robinson, hathe procured the good will of of (*sic*) the Wardens and Companie of the Inholders in London to sue unto his Lordship and the rest of his britheren for the admitting of him to be made free of the said Companie, their Lordships do therefore earnestlie desier them the rather for their sakes to allowe his suite in this behaulf.

p. 102. *viij° Januarij*, 1577, Hampton Courte.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A Gloucestershire dispute.

To the Vicepresident of Walles and Sir John Litleton to take the hearing of a matter betwixt Richarde Maye and John Browne of the countie of Glocester, to ende the trouble

and to take the understanding of the matter by such particularities as shalbe delivered by Maye in writinge.

A letter to the Commissioners appoincted for compounding of the causes of prisonners in her Majesties Benche uppon the complainte of John Frake, imprisoned at the suite of George Rotheram, to certifie the default whereuppon the matter is not compounded. A poor debtor.

* Lord Threasurer. Lord Chamberlaine.

More than in the other two letters before written.

A letter to Sir William Wynter, knight, Thomas Randolphe, esquire, Edmunde Hogan and Mathew Fielde, that where her Majestie hath committed unto their Lordships the speciall care to order all matters appertayning to the voiages to the North Westwards discovered by Mr. Furbusher, their Lordships thincke it meete that amongest other thinges a perfecte accompte be taken of suche somes of money as have ben disbursed by Michael Locke for the two voiages latelie made; and therefore their Lordships (being otherwise busyed) doe require them fourthwith to peruse and examyn all accomptes of the said two voiages made, for the better doing whereof they are required to call unto them for their assistaunce Mr. Auditor Neale, and to cause him to put the said accomptes in due forme and order, and therein to use dilligence aswell for the discharge of the said Locke as that her Majestie maye se what hathe ben disbursed about the said two voiages. The accounts relating to Frobisher's voyages.

A letter to Sir William Wynter, knight, Thomas Randolphe and Edward Dyer, esquires, Richard Younge, Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, and Michael Locke, or any fower of them, that where her Majestie hathe committed the speciall care of melting of the oare latelie broght into this realm by Martyn Furbusher, gentleman, as also to consider of all thinges necessarye for the next intended voiage at this next Frobisher's cargo.

* These two names and the following line are written in the margin.

springe; their Lordships (not having convenient leasure to accomplish this charge committed unto them from her Majestie) have made specialle choyce of them, prayeng them fourthwith to take some good order to accomplishe suche matters as shalbe comunicated unto the rest of them by Michael Locke; and where they are geven to understande that aswell for the compounding of a certen mill about Deptforde, as for the erecting of certen furnesses for the
p. 103. melting downe and refyning of the oare, there is to be disbursed presentlie the some of 500^{li}, it is thought meete that they take up the said somme at reasonable interest for some convenient tyme; and for that her Majestie maie from tyme to tyme be advertised what is don towching these matters they are likewise required to advertise their Lordships often of their proceadinges.

A letter to Mr. Auditour Neale signifieng unto him that where their Lordships have committed the care of examining the accomptes of Michael Locke disbursed for the two voiages into the Northwest Partes discovered by Mr. Furbusher to Sir William Winter, Mr. Randolphe and others, that it is her Majesties pleasure that for the better and more exacte doing thereof he shall assiste them therein and bring the same in a due course, and thereof certifie their Lordships.

ix Januarij, 1577, Hampton Courte.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Piracy fines.

A letter to Mr. Henry Killigrewe signifieng unto him that their Lordships sende him certen obligacions taken of the personnes under written for sommes of money to be payed to her Majesties use by deyes appoincted in the said bands, the receipt of the said bands being appoincted unto him; and forasmuche as they desyer to make their paymentes

before they depart from London and to be answerable unto all parties as is required of them, he is required, uppon certificate from the Judge of the Admiraltie that the said bands are put in to her Majesties use and payment of the said sommes to his hands according to those obligations by the parties bounden, to receyve their particuler sommes, and theruppon dismisse so many of them as shall bring certificate of their bands taken and make payment unto hym as is aforesayde.

John ap John at x^{li}.
Nicholas Harbert at xx^{li}.
John Robert ap Ivan, xx^{li}.
William Harbert at x^{li}.
Robert Adams at x^{li}.
John Thomas at x^{li}.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie that where it is ordered among other thinges for the dismissing of the men of Cardiffe called hether for matters of piracye, that before they make payment of the somes ceassed uppon them for those causes, they shal put in bands before him to her Majesties use for the true answering of all thinges that shalbe lawfullie demaunded by the true proprietaries of suche goods as they have dealt with; for which bands to be taken the persons underwritten do repaire unto him, and therfore he is required to take ther bands accordingly, as maye be sufficient in that case to discharge her Majestie, and thereof to make certificate to Mr. Killigrewe, who is appoynted to receyve ther fynes, and therupon for this tyme to discharge them.

The names as are above in the other letter to Mr. Killigrewe.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and to Mr. Justice Southcott uppon informacion made by the Lady Holcrafte, that being tenaunte to one David Smithe, her Majesties Imbraderer, in a howse nere Baynard's Castell, parte of the said howse being broken by the said Smithe, her Ladishippe

p. 104.
Landlord and tenant in London.

was robbed of certen goods out of the same howse; and for somuch as it is mete that the offenders shoulde be inquired for and founde oute, they be required not only to call the said Smithe before them, but also to take a viewe of the howse by them selfes, or by some discreat man appoincted by them, and theruppon to examyn and to certifie what they shall finde chefelie in that point whether the robberye was committed throghe that breache of the house, and that to be don with expedicion.

Plays before the Queen.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paye unto the servantes of th'erle of Leicester for presenting of a playe before the Queen's Majestie in the Christemas hollidaies, the some [of] vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, and by waye of rewarde, iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}.

An other warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paye unto the servantes of the Lord Howarde the like sommes for presenting a play also before the Queen's Majestie.

Hampton Coourte, the xijth of Januarie, 1577.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Berwick accounts.

A letter to Robert Vernon, esquier, Surveyour of the Victuels at Barwick, forasmuch as their Lordships have by their letters directed unto him and other thofficers there given comaundment for the levyeng and delivering over unto him suche dettes of provisions as were of the late charge of Sir Valentine Browne, which hath not taken so good effect as was loked for; their Lordships have taken order that such of the debtors as be not of her Majesties sold[iers] there, and have not satisfied their debt, shall with expedition be brought before them with a Pursevaunt; and because their Lordships may the better deale with them

upon their apparaunce, he is required to deliver backe unto such person as the said Sir Valentine shall directe unto him by his letters all such billes and specialties whereof he have not ben paid alredie, or that he shall not be contentid to stand chargid with, as by an Indenture recevid by him from the said Sir Valentine, bearing date the viijth of August, 1576, delivering to the use of the said Sir Valentine his bill testifieng the receipt of such parcels of the said Indenture as he be contented to accept as parcell of his charge; whereupon the said Sir Valentine declareth he will redeliver unto him his parte of the said Indenture to be made frustrate as appertaineth. p. 105.

A letter to Sir Robert Cunstable, knight, forasmuch as upon former letters directed unto him for assistaunces and levieng of such debtes as Sir Valentine Browne did put over unto her Majesties use there, he hath caused sum porcions to be paid, and yet can not levie thole debtes as was loked for, their Lordships have thought good to send downe a Pursevaunt to bring before them the parties that yet remaineth debtors in that behalf, to thintent they may furder deale with them as appertaineth for her Majesties service, and therefore he is required to be aiding and assisting the said Purcevaunt acordinglye.

An open letter to the Lord President and others, &c., whereas one of her Majesties Purcevauntes is sent into those parties to attache the bodies of certen persons, and them to bring before their Lordships, because they have not, acording to their former letters of request, delivered over unto Robert Vernon, esquier, the Queen's Majesties Victualler of Barwick, such graine and other provicions as were by them owing within the late charge of Sir Valentine Browne, appointed for her Majesties garrison there; they are required to aide and assist the said Purcevaunt for the apprehencion of the said persons; nevertheles, they are content to forbeare thapperaunce of any of the said parties inhabiting in Barwicke or Northumberland that hereupon shall satisfie and pay

their debtes to the said Vernon, otherwise dwelling nerer towardes or in the South partes to the said Sir Valentine or his assignes to her Majesties use, bearing also the reasonable charges of this Purcevaunt.

A commercial case.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Attorney General, Sir Rowland Haward, and others, &c., whereas the xijth of October last they directed their letters unto them for thexamyning of a cause depending betwene John Eden of London, Merchaunt Tayler, and certaine men of the same Cumpanye, and that they have sundrye tymes travailed therein and found the chief pointe to concerne a certaine copartenership had betwene the said Eden and one John Toppe, and the question to be whether that copartenershipp be still in
p. 106. force, yee or noe, which pointe they have thought in reason that the same shold be tried by a jurie, for accomplishement of which, as also of other matter, they have requested that the said Toppe shold come before them, but he, hearing of their determinacion, doth absent himself; forasmuch as they understand the said Eden, through want of his goodes, to be in prison, and that his sute before them is rather against those men aforesaid then against Toppe, as by a writing of his which is sent unto them may at more large appere, they are required, if the matters be true that he hath objected and if that any of the said parties do not shew themselfes conformable to that which they have devised, that then they retorne the state of the cause unto their Lordships, and in whom the default is, that, understanding the trouth, such order may be taken as reason and equitie shall require.

An Oxford case.

A controversie betwixt Mr. Hall and Mr. Wilmote is committed by their Lordships' letters to Mr. Vicechancellor and Mr. Dr. Westfaling, with aucthorite to call the parties and their witnesses, to examyne them by othes or otherwise, and thereuppon to end it if they can, or els to advertice the state of the matter, and whose the fault is; and if they shall be called from thence before it be ended, then

they to appoint some others, being either Justice or otherwise of good credditte, who by the letters aforesaid shall have aucthorite to deale as themselfes.

To my Lord Cobham, with a peticion of John Baptista, to geve order in a cause conteyned in the peticion against one Pierse and others of that countie, or to advertise if they refuse, that further order maie [be] taken. Piracy.

To Sir William Harbert, Sherif of Glamorgan shire, to send up John Coulchester, William Gascoigne, and Thomas Mote, complained of for and (*sic*) buying of pirates' goodes.

A letter to Mr. Attorney, Mr. Sollicitour, Mr. Doctour Dale, Dr. Lewis and Dr, Awbrey, that where by letters from the Archebuisshoppe of Caunterburie they have ben moved to knowe the Queen's Majesties plesure for a substitute to serve in the Coourte of Audience, the same being voide by the death of Mr. Dr. Yale, they are required for that they stand in doubte in what sorte the same may be donne, to consider of writen articles sent unto them and to retorne their opinyons postilled to the same and subscribed by their handes. P. 107. The Court of Audience.

A letter to the Mayour of Boston, understanding of certen pirattes which, have committed sundrye pyracies at Yngolmels Haven, otherwise called Theefes Creeke, to be by him staied in that towne to the nomber of v or vj; he is required to committe them to prison, to thend they may abide suche further tryall as by order from hence shalbe taken in that behalf. Pirates in Lincolnshire.

A letter to Mr. Dr. Lewis, Judge Mounson, Mr. Attorney, Mr. Sollicitour, and Mr. Attorney of the Duchie, whereas controversie hath dependid betwene Weston Browne, esquier, and thinhabitantes of the towne of Burnetwoode about the use and right of a chapell, the cause having ben sundry tymes harde, and nowe lastlie by the Buisshop of London and others, Highe Commissioners for Ecclesiasticall Causes, having appoincted to here the same againe the A troublesome case.

xxiijth of this presente monithe; forasmuch as it is requisite for the judging of the controversie to have thadvice of some that be learned in the lawes, as well Civille and Common as the lawes of the realme, they are required, as many of them as conveniently may be, to be present at the day appointed and to gyve their advice among such others as shall then assemble, to thend the said contencion may take ende acording to justice.

A complaint. To Sir Richard Grenefielde, William Mohun, John Carminewe and Richard Chamont, concerning a complainte exhibited by Ambrose Digby against Sir John Killigrewe, knight, according to the mynute in the Councell Cheste.

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Common rights in the New Forest. To Sir Edwarde Horsey, Thomas West, James Paget, Robert Penrodocke and Arthur Luke, or any three of them, whereof Mr. Horsey to be one, that where uppon an offer made by one Cornelis for the furniture of her Majestie with a greate quantitie of saltpeter, so her Majestie woulde make him a lease of iiij^{c} acres of grounde in the New Forreste, her Highnes wrote her letters to the gentlemen aforesaid to deale with the inhabitauntes interessed in the said commons, and by their answer it appeared that diverse of them were unwilling; they be nowe written unto againe by my Lords eftsons to deale withe them, and yf any of them shall refuse to yeilde to conformitie they shall geve them day to make their apparence before their Lordships.

A history of Ireland. To the Bushoppe of London that where by order from my Lords he was willed to make restrainte of the sale of a booke newely set fourthe and printed of the Cronicles of Irelande, because in the same their were founde many greate errors; forasmuche as the compyler thereof hathe shewed the cause how he was induced to those errors, and offerethe to reforme them, his Lordship is willed, after significacion made unto him from the Lord Threasurer that

those faultes are reformed, he shall suffer them to passe and to be soulde, notwithstanding the former restrainte.

Popish vestments.

An other to his Lordship in answer of his to my Lordships uppon the finding of vestmentes, ables (*sic*) and suche other trumpery ornamentes of the Masse in the house of olde Roper, and his desier to knowe my Lord's pleasure how they shoulde be disposed; he is willed after that they shalbe defaced and made unfitte for suche supersticious uses, he shoulde imploy them uppon the reliefe of the poore and to the rewarde of suche as toke paines to finde them oute, being personnes mete to be encouraged in these dayes, as of instrumentes meete to remove all Popery.

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Peace on the Borders.

To the Lord Scrope in answer of his to my Lordes, wherein their Lordships geve him thanckes for his paynes taken in compounding the controversies and quarrells uppon the Borders, being reduced to suche quietnes as the like hathe not ben seen within the memory of man; it is also signified unto him that their Lordships are pleased to geve order to the Receiver of Cumberlande to advaunce unto Mr. Captain Carvell and Mr. Captain Pickman, that servid under his Lordship, two monethes wages to be defalked of their entertaignement oute of their next paye at Midsommer, and that they send their letters to Mr. Bradill for that purpose; they likewise make him to understande that they sende their letters of thanckes to Mr. Carmighell for his dilligence and conformitie in joyning with his Lordship for compounding of the causes aforesaid.

To Mr. Bradill to advaunce two monethes wages oute of the receiptes of her Majesties revenues within his charge to Mr. Captein Carvell and Mr. Pickman uppon their billes, to be defalked of their next paye at Midsommer, and to geve substanciall notice thereof to the Threasurer of Barwicke, that her Majestie may be of the said somme answered accordingly uppon the saide Capteins' next paye as aforesaid.

A letter of thanckes to Mr. Carmighell to suche effecte as is mentioned in the letter before to the Lord Scrope.

Plays in the City.

To the Lord Maiour of London to geve order that one Dronsiano, an Italian, a commediante and his companye, may playe within the Cittie and the Liberties of the same betwene this and the firste weeke in Lent.

A case delayed.

To the Master of the Rolles that where the examinacion of a controversie betwixt Robert Wiseman and certen persons in Grenewich, touching an assault, had ben heretofore committed to him, &c., and nothing had ben thereof returned hither, he is required, in case by the parties' assent the matter cannot be ended, he shoulde returne suche examinacions as have ben taken by him in that case, that thereuppon furder order may be taken as the cause shall deserve.

p. 110. The Musters.

Letters to sundry counties of the realme to accompany the Queen's Majesties letters sent out for the Musters, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

Prosecution of a pirate.

To Mr. William Mohun, Mr. Lower and Mr. Chiverton, that where uppon the apprehencion of Captein Hamonde they toke bondes to her Majesties use of one Barret and others of Barnestable to prosecute the cause against him, for somuche as Hamonde being removed they have followed the cause here, it is mete that their bonds taken there should be cancelled and delivered, which they [are] required to doe accordingly, uppon their repeire unto them for that pourpose.

The gaol at York.

To the Justices of Assise in the county of Yeorke, where there is a controversie betwixt Mr. Peter Pennant, one of her Majesties foure Gentlemen Ushers, of the one partie and the Sherife of Yeorkeshire in the other partie, about the use of the gaole and prisoners there, Mr. Pennant clayming by her Majesties Letters Patentes and the Sherife by his office; they be required to take viewe of the said Patent, and thereupon to pronounce their judgment in lawe, and the same to signifie unto their Lordships under their hands, that thereuppon furder order may be taken for a quiet ende without contencion in lawe.

*16 January.

Lord Keper.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

Sir V. Browne's accounts.

A letter to Sir William Skipworth, knight, Hamond Upton, Thomas Massingberde, William Hunston and ——— Bowes, esquires, or to any three or two of them, that where there is to be paied unto Christofer Cocker, in the parishe churche of Crofte in Lyncolnsheire, the seconde of Februarie next, one thowsand poundes, they are required ymediatlie after the saide Cocker shall have receaved the sayde m^{li} to attache the same by vertue of theise there Lordships' letters, and thereuppon to deliver the same unto the keping of the Mayour of Boston, sealed uppon with their seales, yf they them selfes shall not be contented to take the charge thereof uppon them, untill their pleasures shalbe furder signified as the matter shall fall oute betwene Sir Valentyne Browne and the sayd Cocker.

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Present:

Lord Threasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Recognisances fulfilled.

This daie Thomas St. Albin of the countie of Cornewall, gentleman, John Reskymmer and John Tregose of the same, gentlemen, being bounde by the Sherif of that countie, as so appointed from their Lordships of the Privie Councell, to

* The date and names are written in the margin.

make their apparence by the xx^th^ of this monethe, doe appeare, and are enjoined to geve their attendance till by the order of the said Lordes they shalbe discharged, and praye to have it entred accordingly; John Penrose of Bithicke, in the same county of Cornewall, the xx^th^ (*sic*) of this monethe entred his apparence, being bounde by the Sheriffe of that countie as aforesaid.

Danish claims. A letter to Mr. Henry Killigrewe for fiftie pounds to be payed to John Peterson of Elsenurs, in Denmarke, out of the fynes of suche as have dealt with matters of piracie, in respecte of spoiles comitted uppon hym by Hix and Callice.

Enquiry as to a prisoner. To Sir Thomas Lucas and to Mr. Cardinall to sende worde who comitted Robert Mantle to the gaole of Colchester and for what cause, who bailed hym, who were his suerties, in what some was he bounde, and what is become of the bonde: and this to advertise either of their owne knowledge, or otherwise as they can come by the trothe.

For stay of proceedings. To Thomas Franke that where their Lordships are informed that he hathe commenced actions againste sundry poore men of Hatfield Brodock in the county of Essex, he is required without all delayes to make his apparence before the Lord Threasurer and Lord Chamberlaine, and in the meane tyme to forbeare the prosecucion of all his said suites.

Criminals in London. To the Master of the Rolles signifieng that of late their Lordships have received from certen of the Councell in the Marches an informacion of certen notable theves that for the most part do make their haunt to London and the suburbs of the same, requiring him with th'assistaunce of suche as are joyned with him in a former Commission for that pourpose to use all good meanes that the personnes noted in th'informacion maie be seacretlie sought for and apprehended; and where some of them do remaine in places more distant from London, he is by the authoritie hereof, required to assigne some mete personnes to employe them selfes for their apprehencion; and, uppon their apprehencion, to be committed to prison without baile or maine prise

and all other conference, saving only their trusty keepers, untill that either by him selfe or some others to be appointed by him, they shalbe examyned; and thereof to certifie their Lordships, to th'ende suche matter may be procured from the Marches as they are particulerlie to be charged withall.

To all officers to be ayding to one Baker, who is appoincted by their Lordships to have the erecting of certen howses and milles for the tryeng and refining of a greate quantitie of oare brought in by Martyn Furbusher, aswell in the taking up of artificers and other thinges nedefull, as in the compounding of the prices of suche stuffe as shalbe taken for the pourpose aforesaid, at suche reasonable rates as are convenient for her Majestie in suche a service. p. 112. Martin Frobisher's cargo.

To Doctor Lewes, Judge of the Admiraltie, signifieng unto him that there shalbe brought unto him by Erasmus Sanders, Maiour of Tynby in Walles, one Barnarde Jourden, an inhabitaunt of St. Malloes, by whom, as also by Jourden him self, he shall understande the cause of his apprehencion and the manner how he is come to the said Saunders, and what answer is made by Sir John Perrot in his letters also sent unto him; requiring him to consider substancially of them all, and accordingly as the matter shall fall out unto him by examinacion thereof, to proceade according to the due course of the lawes with all indifferencie, without respecte of personnes or regarde of any particuler quarrells. The Admiralty Court.

To Michael Locke, that where for bu[i]lding of certen furnaces for the refining of the oare brought into this realm by Martyn Furbusher, and discharging of the mariners' wages and others imployed uppon that journey, there is ix$^{c\ li}$ to be presentlie occupied; he is required to repaire to all such as be Adventurers in the said voiage, and to gather of every of them the said some for the purpose aforesaid, after xx^{li} the hundred, according to the rate and proportion of certen of their adventures, and that to be don with as muche speede as he maye. Expenses connected with Frobisher's cargo.

To Sir William Wynter, Thomas Randolphe, Edward Dyer, Martyn Furbusher, Richard Yong and Michael Lock, that where lately they were appoincted Commissioners for thexamining of thaccompt of tryeng of the oare, and for all other thinges belonging to the late voiage of Martyn Furbusher they were authorised as Commissioners in that behalf; for that Sir William Wynter and Mr. Randolphe are so occupied in other her Majesties service as they cannot attende thexecucion of that Comission, they are required for their better assistaunce therein, to joyne withe them John Die, Edward Huggins, Mathewe Fielder and Andrew Palmer, and to geve them to understand of so muche that they and every of them maye take that service uppon them, and to be thereunto admitted in suche sort as yf they had ben comprehended with them in their Lordships' first letter.

Paris Garden. A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paye unto Mr. Thomas Bowes, Master of her Majesties game at Paris Garden, the somme of v^{li} for bringing of the said game before her Majestie on the Christemas hollidaies to Hampton Corte.

A summons. To the Maiour, Bailiffes or other hed officers of Malden, in Essex, to cause one Thomas Collyn, one of the Sergeantes of that borroughe, to make his apparence fourthwith before their Lordships either by bands to be taken of hym, or els that he maie come up in company of this messenger sent for thonely pourpose.

p. 113. The Court of Audience. To Doctor Clarke, Deane of the Arches, signifieng that her Majestie hathe assigned and nominated Dr. Aubrey and Dr. ——— Clark to sitt in the place of Dr. Yeale, deceased, in the Court of the Audience, requiring him to declare the same to the Lord Archbishop, that he, as so commanded by her Majestie, maie geve order for the making fourthe of their Comission, suche as may be effectuall and lawfull to authorize them to sitt in the said Courte bothe jointlie and severallie.

To the Vice-President and Councell in the Marches of Walles, requiring him to geve order that those Welshmen which were broght downe by Allen Morgan, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, maie make satisfaction of suche fees as are due unto him from them, as also some consideracion to be used towards him for returning him backe without the said fees, which yf they shall refuse to doe, then that they maye be kept in safe custodie till they shall make satisfaction thereof to his contentment. A messenger's fees.

* 20 *Januarij*, 1577.

This day Edmunde Clarke, John Huett, and John Faber, sent for by their Lordships and bounde by the Maiour of Hull to make their apparence this daie, doe appeare accordingly and require to have it entered, the which being don they be enjoyned uppon the penaltie of their recognizaunce to attend from tyme to tyme untill they shall be discharged by their Lordships. † Licensed to departe.

* 21 *Januarij*, 1577.

This day Phillipp Wolverston, of Beake in the county of Cornewall, being sent for by the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell and bounde by obligacion by Mr. Mohun, one of the Justices of that county, for his apparence the xxth of this monethe, had entred his apparence and desirethe to have the same registred. Several appearances.

* 24 *Januarij*, 1577.

This daie Walter Sherman, of Wicke farme in the countie of Worcester, bounde by Mr. Liggen and Mr. Follett [and]

* The dates are written in the margin.
† Original marginal note.

Mr. Horrell, three of the Justices of the Peace of that countie to make his apparence within xv^en^ daies after warning geven unto him, hathe entred his said apparence, and desirethe in discharge of his bande to have the same registred.

xxiij^the^ of January, 1577, Hampton Courte.

London goldsmiths. To the Lord Maiour uppon a complainte made by the goldsmithes of London againste their Assaier for sundrye yll usages; his Lordship is willed withe the assistaunce of his britheren duelie to examyn and to heare the cause and to take order therein according to justice, so all the parties maye have noe cause of furder complainte.

The wine trade. To the Master of the Rolles, that where more then a yeare sithence he was required to take bands of the Vinteners and others selling wyne in London that they should neither buy nor sell but according to the rate of a certen Proclamacion, uppon the observacion whereof they discontinued
p. 114. their occupieng to their great hindraunce; forsomuch as they are sufficientlie provided for by the Statute to be punished in case they shall offende, it is thought reasonable that their said bands shoulde be delivered, and therefore he is required uppon the repaire of any of them unto hym for that pourpose to deliver them accordingly.

xxv^to^ Januarij, 1577, Hampton Courte.

Presente:

The Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Lord Chamberlayn.
Therle of Warwik.
Therle of Leicestre.
The Lord of Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

William Vaughan, of Llanrothewe in the countie of Here- A summons obeyed.
ford, gentleman, being sent for by their Lordships, hathe this daye entred his apparence, and hathe required to have the same registred.

A letter to therle of Huntington, that where a com- The tenants of the Chapter of Durham.
plainte hathe been exhibited unto their Lordships on the behalf of one Margaret Bore, wydow, against one Rafe Power, one of the Cathedrall Churche of Duresme, declaring that contrary to an order taken by his Lordship she is witholden from her right, who yf by his meanes he cannot be induced to stande to his Lordship's order already taken, or other agrement to be made by his Lordship, then to geve him a day for his apparence before their Lordships; against which tyme he is to signifie unto their Lordships the state of the controversie, with his opinion, that theruppon it maye be furder proceeded in as the case shall require.

To Mr. Mersh, Clerk of the Counsell in the Starre Chamber, The Star Chamber.
to (*sic*) the answers of the bill and interrogataries of each side betwixt Sir John Zouch and Sir Thomas Stanhope, though the same be not preciselie set down in the former order by the Clerk of the Privie Counsell.

A letter to the Bishop of Bathe and Welles, Sir Maurice Lewd words.
Barkeley and Sir John Horne, that where their Lordships are informed of certen slanderouse speaches to have ben uttered by one Thomas Carewe of Welles, as by the examinacion of Thomas Powell, clarke, sent unto them more plainely appeareth, they are required to call aswell the said Carewe as the said Powell before them, and by all good meanes they can to trye oute the truthe; in which it shalbe p. 115.
mete to have grave consideracion of the behaviour of the parties, and of their loyall disposicion chiefelie to the presente state of government of this realme, and of all other thinges that by their discrecions they shall thincke mete, and thereof as seacreately as they can to advertise their Lordships, that the offenders may be delt withall according to justice.

* The boxes of instrumentes brought from Glocester delivered to the Messenger that broght them up.

A letter to the Maiour, Recorder and Aldermen of the cyty of Gloucester, geving them thanckes for their dilligence used in the searche and examinacion of a matter for suspicion of coyning, signifieng that their Lordships thincke it convenient that they shulde use all goode meanes they can to boult out the truthe how farr the practise hathe proceaded and who have ben partakers therein; and yf any of those of Bristoll or any other place without that county shalbe touched, then they are commanded to signifie the same to some Justice of the Peace or other cheife officer where suche suspected persons shalbe thought to be, to procure them to be apprehended, examyned and otherwise ordered as may be answerable to justice; sending backe unto them aswell th'examinacions as all other thinges sent hether, to th'ende that at the next Assises they may impart the same to the Justices of that Circuite, and by their advise to proceade to their triall according to the due course of the lawes.

† xxixth of Januarie, 1577.

Two appearances.

This day Thomas Borne, of Overwick within the parish of St. Johnes, gentleman, beinge bounde to appeare before the Lords and others of her Majesties Privie Counsell, made this daie his apparance, and desired the same to be recorded, which was imediatlie done, and he comaunded uppon his alleging (*sic*) not to depart untill he shall be dismissed by their Lordships.

This daie Walter Collinges, of the towne of St. Johnes in Bedwordie, made his apparence, and he comanded uppon his allegence not to depart untill he shall be dismissed by their Lordships.

An old dispute.

A letter to Sir Thomas Cicill and others that where before this by order from their Lordships there was com-

* Original marginal note.

† The date is given in the margin.

mitted to their examinacion a matter in contraversie betwene John Coper of Yeston in the countye of Leycester, and Edwarde Watson of Rockingham in the county of Northampton, concerning the withholding of certen evidences; forasmuche as their Lordships have not hetherto ben certefied what they have don in that matter, they are required (yf they have not already don any thing therein) that they will call the parties before them and use all the meanes they can to bring the parties to aggrement; and in case they will not condescende thereunto, then to certifie what they shall doe therein and in whome the default is, that thereuppon suche furder order maie be taken thereon as shall stande with equity and justice.

To the Lord Cheife Justice of Englande and the reste of the Justices of Her Majesties Benche, that where there is a cause depending in controversie betwene one Richard Audley and one Thomas Dannet for the title of certen lands in the county of Somerset, and that for the triall thereof a jurye is to appeare before them on Monday next, they are required, for that the said Dannet is presentlie in Spaigne in her Majesties affairs, to stay aswell the said jurye as any other cause concerning the title of those landes againste the said Thomas Dannet or any of his tenauntes untill his returne. P. 116. A case as to land.

* *xxviij° Januarij*, 1577.

An open letter in the behaulfe of William Mill of Milbroke, in the countie of Cornewall, fisherman, being robbed of a barke of lx tonnes in the deepes betwixt the coast of England and Ireland by one John Anderton, *alias* Hambleton, Scotishman, who also robbed an other shippe of the complainant named the Mary, the spoiles and losses of bothe amounting to 300; all Viceadmiralls, Maiours, Bailifes, &c., be required and in her Majesties name straightlie charged Piracy in the Irish Channel.

* The date is given in the margin.

that yf the said Hambleton shall come unto any porte of (*sic*) other place within her Majesties dominions where he may be taken, that they shall apprehende him, his maryners and company, that they maye be answerable to justice; and likewise to make arreste and stay of his shippes, merchandizes and goods without spoile or imbeaceling, that the same may be fourthcoming to the satisfaccion of the partie endamaged, and so to detayne the one and the other till uppon advertisement hether their Lordships shall give furder direction.

The post to the North.

Three letters to the Lord Scrope, Mr. Bradill and Mr. Carmighell according as they are before noted, uppon advertisement that the former letters were loste by spoiling of the poste, the next poste is to Carlisle.

Warrant for payment.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to geve rewarde to one ——— Collyn of Malden, that had been imployed in her Majesties service with some travell at his owne coste and charges.

* 29 *Januarij*, 1577.

Piracy.

Letters to certen counties that had not made certificate of the matters of piracye according to the mynute in the Councell Cheste.

Other letters to suche counties as had certified, the mynute whereof remainethe likewise in the Councell Cheste.

Tertio Februarij, 1577.

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Lord Threasurer.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Piracy in Ireland.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie, that where there is one Hix, a pirate, brought out of Irelande, he is required

* The date is given in the margin.

to geve order for his safe imprisonement and examining of him in suche sort as their Lordships may understande the particulers of his offences, and who have ben his victuallers, ayders and abettors, and thereof to certifie their Lordships.

Common rights and enclosures in Oxfordshire.

A letter to Sir John Goodwyn, Sir Henry Lee, Sir George Peckham, knightes, Nicholas West, Griffyn Hampden, Michael Harcourte, esquiers, or to three of them, that where their Lordships are geven to understande from the Lady Williams of Thame of a verie disordered ryot made by certen persons pretending title of common in certen coppices in and about the Forrest of Burwood by pulling downe of the hedges and other misdemeanures not convenient to be suffered; they or any three of them are requered, according to the Statutes in that behaulf provided, to assemble them selfes together and by precept to the Sheriffe to cause an indifferent jury to be returned before them, by whom, with suche evidence as is to be geven in that case, they shall cause a due inquirie to be made according to the lawes; and yf they shall finde the offendors to be of any multitude, or such as may breede furder trouble, they are required to returne the verdicte by thadvice of her Majesties learned Councell into the Starr Chamber; notwithstanding yf they can make such finall ende betweene them as shalbe agreable to justice, their Lordships will allowe thereof.

The Dutch herring boats.

To Mr. Roger Carewe, that where by letters to Sir Christofer Heydon, Sir William Buttes and the Viceadmirall of Norffolk two busses taken at the seas by one Hubard were delivered to the true owners by Anthony Still, an officer of thadmiralty; uppon informacion that the said Roger Carew hath entred accion against Stile as claiming the busses from Hubart, he is required to ceasse his action and to forbeare all molestacion, or at the least to make his apparence before their Lordships to declare if he have any just cause to proceade.

Scottish claims.

A letter to the Bayliffes of the townes of Ipswishe (*sic*) that thiere is informed by Adam Fowlerton, gentleman, appertay-

ninge to the marchauntes of Scotland, there is come to the handes of one Fayreweather, a beare brewer of Ipswish, shepes fells to the nomber of seven hundred and half, which were spo[i]led from a Scottish merchaunte by one Phipson, a piratt, and refuseth to deliver the same to the true owners, and that he receaved the same of a Scottishman for a certen debte; which he is required to deliver the same or the true valew, or els to make his parsonall apparance with spede.

p. 118. A letter to Sir William More, Viceadmirall of Sussex, that it is informed by Adam Fowlerton for causes of Marchauntes in Scotland that in December, more then a yere sithence, was brought into Arrundle Bay by one William Thomas and William ———, inhabytauntes of the Ile of Wight, nyne lastes five barrells of Scottish hearinges, twentie barrells of codds, which was spoyled and taken out of a Scottish bark passinge towardes Depe, and that the sayd goods came to the possession of the Admyrall's deputies, and by them was soulde and the monie thereof reserved to be answerable to the true owners, and it is offered by Mr. Fowlerton to make probacion of the true proprytaries of the saide goodes.

Frobisher's cargo. To all Justices of Peace, Maiours, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Constables to ayde and assist one Cole, appointed to make search for minerall stones for the meltinge of the ewer brought in by Furbisher, that he may be suffered to digg in places where it is likelie to be founde and to carye the same awaie, compoundinge with the oweners of the grounde at resonable price, and that he be provided with cartes and cariges and all other nescessaries at resonable rates, as for her Majesties service.

The observance of Lent. Letters to the Shriffes and Justices of the Peace in all counties through the realme for the due observacion of Lent and Fish Daies, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

A commercial case. To Mr. Alderman Barrens, Alderman Ausborne, John Calvette, Vincen Gingerdyne, Jerume Danalie, Benedict Spenola,

Philippe Corsine and Horacio Palavicino, or to any foure of them, to se the accomptes and reckoninges betwene Acerbo Veylutelly and Christophrie Demontie, and there uppon to take bandes of eche to other in the some of a thowsande pounde to stande and abyde such ordre as they shall make; after which boundes so taken they shall use all good meanes to informe them selfes of the troth of the saide accomptes, and thereuppon to sett downe their order in writinge and to send the same unto my Lords under their handes within one moneth next after the date hereof.

* iiijth of February.

To the Bailiefes of Maldon to shew their favour to Thomas Collin of that towne, being sent for by their Lordships, and using himself like a good and duetifull subject in the cause he was sent for. p. 119. A letter of commendation.

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Therle of Lincoln.	Mr. Comptroller.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Vicechamberleyn.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Wilson.

A letter to Sir Henry Sherrington, Sir Henry Knyvett, Mr. Jasper More and Mr. John Penruddock, or to any iij or two of them, that where the Quenes Majestie hathe bene informed that the making of clothe in diverse townes of this realme is latelie deccaied through the not puttinge in execucion of the lawes concerninge clothiers, they are required, in her Majesties name, ernestlie to inquier of the abuses thereof by any able and sufficient persones that have knowledge therein, and speciallie by Peter Blackborowe, and howe by the opinions of suche as they shall examyne there may The decay of the cloth trade.

* The date is given in the margin.

some spedy redresse be had; and to advertize their Lordships what they finde, together with their owne opinions in the same matter, that furder order may be taken accordinglie.

Detained horses.

To John Lane and Edward Lane that where certeine geldinges beinge founde in Rockingham Forrest, which did apperteine to them that robbed the Quene of Scottes' men, weare committed to the custodie of the Erle of Bedford as Guardayne of the said Forrest, and not to be delivered to any that should clayme them without knowledge first given unto their Lordships; the said John Lane and Edward Lane havinge attempted suite against Sir Thomas Tresham, Ranger of the said Forrest, for seisinge the saide geldinges, they are nowe straitelie chardged to surcease their said suite, or els to appeare personallie before their Lordships to declare a sufficient cause why they do it not.

A charge of manslaughter.

To the Vice President and Counsell of the Marches of Wales that where certeine articles of complaint have bene exhibited to their Lordships by one Antony Kerle against William Vaughan of Lanrothall in the countie of Hereford, emonge which is conteyned that one David William, a lackie boy of the said Vaughan's, did quarrell with one Thomas Kerle, a sonne of this complanante, and strake him with a cudgell on the lefte side of his hedd, that shortlie after he
p. 120. died thereof, the said Vaughan being required afterwardes for the forthecominge of his lackie, he did not onelie denye him to be in his house, but hath ever since kept him secretlie, and releived him so that he cannot be apprehended; their Lordships have thought good to recommend this matter to the said Vice President and Counsell to be duelie and uprightlie examined, and for the better doing of it that some assistantes may be joyned to the Coroner in the execucion of his office, that thereby all bearinge and parcialitie may be removed, and that Sir John Huband and Mr. Jerome Corbett be named by the complainant for that purpose; and when the inquiry and triall of this matter shall be made justlie and truelie, if then Vaughan shall be found faltie according

to the informacion, to take order that he may be forthecominge and answerable to the lawes; and that bandes be here taken of the said Vaughan in v^c li to make his apparence before the said Vice President and Counsell by the xx^th daie of this moneth, and so to attende till he shall be dischardged by them.

A mission to the Low Countries.

To all Justices of Peace, Maiours, Shreifes, &c., to see Capten Leighton furnished for himself and his trayne aswell of post horses as of all manner of carriages for the conveyinge of himself, his company and stuff to the sea coast; and likewise of shippinge and of all other necessaries apperteyning to his voiage bothe cominge and goinge, being sent in her Majesties affaires of great importance into the Lowe Cuntreyes.

Detained woad.

To Sir Edward Horsey, knight, where certeine woade was brought to the Ile of Wight by Mr. Henry Sekford and there staied by order from the Lordes, Mr. Acerbo Vellutelli having procuracion from the proprietaries and the same proved in the Courte of thadmiraltie and thereuppon processe granted out of the said Courte that he may receive and dispose thereof at his pleasure; the Lordes do requier Mr. Horsey to deliver the woade and all the goodes conteyned in the procuracion according to the effect of the proces, with significacion also that Mr. Acerbo, uppon their Lordships' motion, is contented to make satisfaccion according to reson to suche mariners and laborers as tooke paines in the saving of it; and for so much as all thinges are compounded betwixt Mr. Acerbo and Mr. Sekford, he is sett at libertie for the delivery of Mr. Sekfordes shipp with all that belongeth to her.

Articles agreed upon by Cornelius Stephenson before Sir Edward Horsey, knight, Thomas Weste, James Paget, esquire, and Arthur Luke the vj^th of Februarye 1577:— p. 121.

Common rights in the New Forest.

1. First, that the said Cornelius shall not by himself, nor any other for him, take any heath, turf or any other fewell for the making of salte peter, other

then suche as are standing, growing and being in and uppon the platte of grounde of iiij^{c} acres to be graunted to the said Cornelius.

2. Item, that the said Cornelius shall not erecte nor builde any cotage or other dwellinge, ediffice or howse wherein any person or persons shall dwell, except the onlie dwelling or mansion howse of the said Cornelius, and other such necessary howses, edifices and buildinges as shalbe for the provision of the making of saltepeter.

3. Item, furder that the said Cornelius shall not intertaine, have, nor receve any servantes, laborers or workemen to be used or imployed aboutes the making of saltepetre or any other worke or busines belonging therto, but such as be or shalbe dwelling or abiding upon the borders of the same, and speciallye such as shalbe of the parisshe of Elinge, by thappoinetment of the Justices of Peace there next adjoyninge, unles suche as be or shalbe of his owne manuall servantes or workemen, not exceding the nomber of tenne persons at the moste, and to be without their wifes or any other famylie in that place or any where els thereaboutes.

4. Item, that the said Cornelius shall pay, for the hier of the said laborers and workemen, seven pens by the day both in winter and somer, and the Justices shall take order that the workemen shall serve as well in the somer as in the winter for the hier of vij^{d} by the daye.

p. 122. Item, furder the said Cornelius shall not presse nor any other[wise] take up the cariages or any other thing or thinges for the necessarie use of the said Cornelius, or any other, of or from any the people dwelling or bordering upon the same or any wher els, but such as the said Cornelius can or may agree with at his owne charge.

Item, furder the said Cornelius shall no longer enjoye and have the same ground then he by himself or such others by

her Highnes graunted unto shall use, occupie and imploie the same for the making of saltpetre.

Item, furder the said Cornelius shall not have the use of the common with his cattell or any others within the Forest by reason or color of the same grounde or any parte or parcell thereof.

All which the abovesaid articles the said Cornelius doth firmelie agree unto, so that they may stande with the plesure of the Lord Tresourer of England.

* Allowed by the Lordes. The clawse above-written to be added to the 4 articles. Francis Walsingham.

By me, Cornelius Stephenson.

The foresaid articles were sent up to the Counsell by Arthur Luke, one of the Commissioners, and in the presence and hearing of the said Cornelius Stevenson they were redd, and thereto he gave his assent fully, with addicion of one article noted to the margent of the said articles; and so thereupon the said articles were entered into the Counsell Boke.

* This clause was written by my Lord Tresourer's owne hand.

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At Hampton Court, the ixth of February, 1577. p. 125.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

To William Vaughan of Lanrothall, in the countie of Hereford, gentleman, that not withstanding bandes taken of him to her Majesties use in the somme of v$^{c li}$ for his apparence before the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales, he should forthewith without delay make his repaire to their Lordships in the companie of the Messinger sent

Letters of summons.

* Original marginal notes.

for that purpose, and their Lordships promise to provide for his indempnitie for non apparence according to his bandes.

A letter of comandement to Doctour Good that he make his personall apparence before their Lordships immediatlie uppon the receipt of their letters, and that he signifie the tyme of his cominge unto the Messinger that bringeth him the letters.

Danish claims. To Mr. Henry Killigrewe, one of the Tellers of thexchequer, to requier him to paye, out of such money as he hath received of the fynes of the abettours of pirattes, unto John Peterson of Elsenuren, in Denmark, the somme of fourescore poundes allowed unto him in parte of recompence for such losses as he hath received by English pirattes.

p. 126. At Hampton Courte, the xth of February, 1577.

The presence as before.

Allowances to Sheriffs. Sixe letters to the Justices of the Assises in the counties of Oxford, Kent, Norffolk, Northampton, and of the Northe and West Partes of this realme, towchinge the Shreifes diettes, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

For an arrest. Two letters of assistance to all Justices of Peace, Maiours, Shreifes, &c., to assiste the bearer thereof for the apprehencion of one Thomas More of Gorleston, neare Great Yarmowthe in the countie of Norffolk, in any place wheresoever he may be found, and that he may be committed to safe keping, and so to remayne untill their Lordships be advertized thereof and do give further direction in that behalf.

The Musters in Staffordshire. To the Lord Dudley, the Lord Pagett and the rest of the Commissioners for Musters in the countie of Stafford, in answer of theirs of the second of this moneth towchinge the putting in a readines of certeine soldiours in that countie; they are thanked for their dilligence in that behalf, and where they complaine of the lacke of armour and furniture in that countie by reason the same hath bene spent

and consumed in the last service in the Northe, their Lordships do mervaile why they have not pursued the recoverie thereof no soner, ether of the soldiours themselfes or of the Captens that had charge of it; and for the releif of their presente unfurniture, seing the nombers be putt downe and the charges that every countie shall beare, alteracion cannot now be made thereof without great confusion; but for the providing of such thinges as they lacke they are willed to send some man hether to take care thereof, and their Lordships will be readie to give their best assistaunce therein, ether to furnish them of her Majesties stoare or otherwise, at as easie prices as may be gotten.

A Herefordshire case.

To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales, with a Supplicacion inclosed exhibited by one William George, the younger, of the parish of Wolhope, in the countie of Hereford, against one William Priour, the elder, of the same parishe; they are required, with the assistaunce of suche as be conteyned in the peticion, if they be there resiante, or any others at their good discrecions, to examyne the said complaint, and, according as it shall falle out in trouthe, so to procede to the ponishement of the offendours as cause shall require.

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The Bishop of Durham.

To the Lord President of the Northe, that where a peticion hath bene exhibited by Thomas Shawe and George Pilkynton, esquiers, and diverse others, the Governours of the possessions of the late erected scole of Rivington in the countie of Lancaster, declaring that where James, the late Bishop of Durham, did assure by copie of Court Rolle unto the said Governours and their successors certeine custumarie landes to the value of x^{li} or thereaboutes, with intent that whatsoever might be made above the ordinary rent should be converted to the mayntenance of the said scole, the Bishop of Durham that now is refuseth to allowe the said over rent, and receiveth the same and the accustumed rent to his owne use ever since he hath bene Bishop there; his Lordship is hereby required to examyne the truthe of the matter, aswell by such informacion and profes as the said

Governours can produce, as by some reference to be had with the Bishop, and thereuppon to sett an order betwixt them if he can according to right, or els to informe their Lordships in whome he shall finde the defalt, that if the cause be further pursued they may procede according to justice, &c.

p. 128. Hampton Court, the xvjth of February, 1577.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

A passport. A pasporte for Thomas Helforthe, the Lady Linaux' servaunte, to passe into Scotland in her affaires and to retorne againe with ij geldinges for him and his man, and to bring back againe the said geldinges at his retorne, and that the Marshall of Berwick shall take bandes of him for that purpose.

Warwickshire levies. To the towne of Coventry that where the nomber of iij^{c} soldiours be appointed to be put in a readyness for the service of her Majestie in the countie of Warwicke, the Maiour of the said towne and his bretheren are required to furnishe and sett forthe out of the said towne, armed and appointed for that purpose, xxx^{tie} able men at their charges, which is a ratable proporcion of the said iij^{c} to be made out of that countie, accordinge to an accustumed order in the like case used heretofore for the easinge of the burden of the said countie.

The Star Chamber. To the Warden of the Flete that where one Thomas Franke was committed presoner there by the order of the Lord Threasurer and Lord Chamberlaine, uppon the humble suite of his wief, and some hope of his better demeanour hereafter, he is willed to bring him before Mr. Marshe, Clerke

of her Majesties Counsell in the Sterr Chamber, that he may take bandes of him in cc^{li} to her Majesties use that he shall make his apparence before their Lordships the first day that they shall sitt in the Sterr Chamber the next Terme, and after the bandes so taken to sett him at libertie.

A wine ship seized.

To the Erle of Huntingdon, in answer of one of his, that where uppon advertisement from Sir Henry Gates and the Bailifes of Scarborowgh he informed of a crayer arrived thether loaden with wyne, and that uppon suspicion of their demeanour aswell the crayer as the men and the wynes weare staied, his Lordship by letters to Mr. Secretary Walsingham desiringe derection in that behalf, it is signified unto him that the said staie is well liked and allowed of, and it is referred to his discrescion whether he think meete that the same wynes be brought to the towne of Hull or not; but for the sale of them to be made out of hand, their Lordships do very well like, so the same be sold at resonable prices and the money reserved to answer the true proprietaries in case any demande be made, and that the officers of the portes where the sale shall be made may be made acquainted with the doinges thereof, to the ende her Majestie may be answered of all that which in right appertaineth to her, as well for the impost as otherwise.

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A fray in the City.

This day Mr. Thomas Cotton being called before their Lordships for a fray made by his servauntes uppon one Thomas Harrison, for so muche as the said Cotton had been by their Lordships afore tyme commanded to kepe the peace bothe for himself and his men towardes the said Harrison, and that it appered to their Lordships that after the fray made, he travailed to baile his said servauntes and procured to gett them their weapons againe which weare seased by the officers, he was by their Lordships committed to the Marshalsey.

False accusations retracted.

This daie also their Lordships having before them Sir John Zouche and Sir Thomas Stanhope, knightes, to procure an ende of some contraversies that did depende

betwixt them, wherein their Lordships travailed first with the one parte and the other, and thereby finding uppon what pointes the greatest causes of unkyndnes did stand, Sir Thomas Stanhope for the clering of these causes was contented to confesse these speeches under written, and subscribed the same with his owne hand, viz^{t}:

I have not intended to do, nor have written or said anything whereby my Ladie Zouche should or ought to be taken to be an unhonest woman, nether can I of my knowledge charg her to be an unhonest woman, nor meane to do any thing to that ende.

I knowe not that William Zouche ever ment to destroie the children of Sir John Zouche, neither did I ever meane to chardge him therewith, nether can I say that Sacheverell did reporte any suche thing of William Zouche.

A case delayed. To my Lord Keper for Burnells, for as much as their matter can not be hard this Terme, as was appointed, for causes expressed in a bill, his Lordship shoulde give ordre, if he so thought mete upon calling the parties, that the witnesses brought up of both sides mought be examined.

p. 130 Hampton Courte, the xvijth of February, 1877.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A complaint. To Mr. Doctour Good that where a complaint is exhibited against him by Roger Walton for some hard dealing with him, their Lordships being willing to heare his answer to the said complaint, he is willed to make his repaire hether without delay for that purpose, and to bring with him suche evidence and profes as he hathe towching that matter.

Beer for Scotland. To the Lord Threasurer for xxx tunes of beare to be suffered to passe the seas for the provision of [the] houshold of the Lord Regent of Scotland.

To Sir Edward Horsey, ——— Paget and ——— West, or to any two of them, with an examinacion to charge William Lamphey and Nedd Woddes for ayding and receipting of theves and for conveyeng of stollen horses; they be required to apprehend and examyn them uppon interogatories to be devised by them uppon the said examinacions, and by all other meanes to finde out the truth; and, according as matter shall falle out, so to order the prisoners as they may be answerable according to the lawes, and to advertise what they shall finde, because the matter towcheth diverse other persones. Horse stealing.

To the Threasurer of Berwick in the behalf of Mr. Vernon, Victuler of that towne, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. The Victualler of Berwick.

To the Receivours of her Majesties revenues in the counties of York and Lincoln, where Mr. Vernon, the Victuler of Berwicke, hath informed to receive great hindrance by the forbearing of his money due to him for the victuling of the garrison till the paie daie, and thereuppon it is ordered that uppon conference betwixt him and the Threasurer what shall be due from half yere to half yere, the said Threasurer thereuppon shall write his letters to the said Receivours, and they thereuppon be willed to make paiement accordinglie to such persons as shall be authorised for that purpose by Mr. Vernon, and bring his acquitance for the same; which acquitance, with the said letters of the Threasurer, shall be a warrant for so muche unto the said Recevours uppon their accomptes.

The xviijth of February, 1577. p. 131.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The London prisons.

To the Maiour and Aldermen of London in the behalf of Richard Hatche, that in respect he is a freeman of London, to graunt him their frendshipp and furtherance that he may be preferred to the keping of the prisons ether of Ludgate or Newgate, which of them soever shall first fall voide by deathe, surrender or otherwise.

A religious prisoner.

To the Deane of Canterbury that where Doctour Yonge hath bene committed to his custodie for his obstinacie against the present state of Religion, by his meanes and gentle perswasions to have bene conformed therein, for so muche as their Lordships understand that their good meaning in that behalf can take no effect in him, it is nowe ordered that he shall be delivered under safe keping in to the prison of her Majesties Bench, there to remayne till furder order shall be taken with him; and to the ende the Keper of the said prison shall receive him, there are letters written to the Keper there to receve him.

To the Keper of the Quenes Benche to receive, at the handes of the bringers hereof, Doctour Yong, committed for obstinacy in Religion, and to kepe him safelie in that prison, without baile or libertie, till he shall receive further direction from their Lordships in that behalf.

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p. 133. xixth February, 1577.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Commission of the Peace.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where by their Lordships' letters lately directed unto him for the displacing of diverse persons (backward in Relligion) out of the Commission of the Peace within diverse counteys of the realme, one Richard Shelley, esquire, of Lewys in the county of Sussex, was

mistaken and displaced contrary to their meaninges; for asmuche as their Lordships doe knowe him to be a gentleman very faithefull and of good service towardes her Majestye, his Lordship is required that he maie be restored unto the sayd Comission of the Peace; and for that it hath ben no smale disgrace unto him to have ben put out of the said Commission, their Lordships thinck it mete that he be also admitted unto the Quorum, and hereafter all good demonstracion used towardes him for the quenching of all bruites and evell opinions conceyved wrongfully of his said displacing.

A letter to Richard Shelley that where certen personnes knowen to be evell affected in Relligion were latelie removed oute of the Commission of the Peace in sundry shires, amongest whom, contrarie to their Lordships' meaning, he was mistaken and put out of the said Commission; forasmuche as their Lordships woulde be lothe he shoulde receive any discouragement thereby, it is signified unto him that in anie thing wherein his creditt and reputacion is to be mainetained, he shall alwaies finde their Lordships readie, according to the good opinion allwaies conceived of his fidelitie and good inclinacion towards her Majesties service.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Irelande, according to a mynute thereof remaining in the Councell Cheste. Ireland.

A letter to Mr. Atturney and Mr. Sollicitour Generall that where there hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships by Christofer Barker, her Majesties Printer, a peticion complayning that diverse printers of the Cittie of London, pretending speciall warrant for sundry bookes contained in his Letters Patentes from her Majestie, doe, contrary to right, printe and defraude him of the benefitt of diverse thinges contained in his said Letters Patentes, as more largely shall appeare unto them by the said peticion; forasmuche as there is good reason that Barker shoulde be favored and mainetained in his right, their Lordships have thought good to require them, by vertue hereof, to call before them suche p. 134. The Queen's Printer.

personnes as he shoulde nominate unto them to encroche uppon those thinges belonging unto his office, and faiethfullie to examyn by what authoritie they challeng the printing of any suche bookes or volumes as he claymeth to appertaine to the said office of her Majesties Printer which he nowe enjoyethe, and conferring the same with his Letters Patentes, to signifie unto their Lordships what they shall finde thereof, together with their opinions of the matter, that thereuppon their Lordships maye geve order that her Majesties graunt unto him maie be in force as appertainethe.

Lewd words in Salisbury.

A letter to the Maiour and Justices of the Peace in the cittie of Sarum that where their hathe appeared before their Lordships one Thomas Jourdan of that cittie, who hathe seemed to charge Gilles Escourte, esquire, with certen lewde speaches to have ben by him uttered to the slaunder of the greateste personnages of this realme, sayeng that the beste of them all were usurers, a matter if it coulde have ben proved against hym that deservethe severelie to be corrected; forasmuch as the said Jourdan coulde not prove the said speaches to have proceaded from Escourte, but suspected to have ben maliciouslie spreade from the said Jourdan throughe that cittie, it was thought mete for his offence to committe him to the Marshalsea, requiring them by theis their Lordships' letters, calling unto them Mr. Dr. White, yf he be in Sarum, unto them, and to examyn unto what personnes the said Jourdan did first utter the said speaches, in what order, and who have ben spreaders of them from him, and thereof fourthwith to advertise their Lordships that accordingly suche furder order maie be taken therein as shalbe thought convenient; in the meane tyme they are to use their best indevours for the quenching and extinguishing of the said lewde speaches within that cittie.

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Saltpetre from the New Forest.

A letter to Sir Edward Horsey, knight, Thomas West and James Paget, esquires, signifieng the receipt of their letters of the xjth of this presente, together with the articles in the same contained, and have conferred with Arthure Luke and Cornelis, whome they sent with the same, and, allowing of

their whole course of their doinges, doe yeilde them right hartie thanckes; and like as their Lordships' whole intencion in this behaulf is directed to the furderaunce of her Majesties service, to supplie suche a want as this realme cannot be without, they are desired from tyme to tyme to be ayding and assisting to the said Cornelis in all thinges nedefull for the accomplishing of that whiche is promised in this service.

A private suit.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the West Partes that where a matter of controversie betwene one William Michel, plaintif, and Thomas Salisbury, defendant, to have ben hard before them in Somerset shire, their Lordships the last yeare wrote their letters unto them in that behaulf of the said Michel for such favour and expedicion onlie as might stande with lawe and equitie; forasmuche as their Lordships are informed that the said controversie is not yet ended, but at this next Assises in the said countie to be tried by *Nisi Prius*, theise their Lordships' letters are only to continewe their former request for the spedie ending of this controversie.

xx° Februarij, 1577, Hampton Courte.

Lord Keper.	Erle of Warwick.
Lord Threasurer.	Lord of Hunsdon.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Arundel.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The London Trainbands.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where for the better defence of the realme her Majestie hathe appoincted certen numbers of harquebuse shotte to be trained throughe the whole realme, and her Highnes having the like care for that Cittie of London that (whatsoever shoulde happen) it might not be unprovided of a sufficient number of like trained men, hathe given commaundement that within the said Cittie there be forthwith 2,000 appointed to be sufficiently

trayned and furnished, and some able Captaines chosen within the said Cittie to take the charge of the trayning and
p. 136. ordering of them; he is therefore required to sende hether unto their Lordships three or foure of his brethern well instructed to make reporte unto their Lordships what number of able men fitt to be trayned there are at this presente within the Cittie, out of the which theise 2,000 maie be selected, how they maie be furnished, and what Captens there be of the Cittie mete to trayne them, to thende that suche order maie be set downe for the doing thereof as shalbe thought mete for her Majesties better service.

A private quarrel.

A letter to Sir Anthonie Sterly and Thomas Markham, esquire, that where Henry Sacheverell, gentleman, hath exhibited unto their Lordships certen greifes againste Sir Thomas Stanoppe, alleageng that the xth of July, 1575, the said Sir Thomas did wrongfully expulse him out of his house, and to[ke] from him corne and other goods to the value of vij$^{xx\,li}$, all which the said Sir Thomas (as the sayd Sacheverell informeth) dothe still detayne; forasmuche as their Lordships as (*sic*) desierouse to take suche order betwene as may stande with equity and justice, their Lordships have therefore made choyce of them, requiring them fourthwith to call the parties before them, and substancially to examyn the controversie betwene them, and uppon the hearing thereof to bring them to some convenient agrement yf they may; which yf they shall not be able to doe then to certifie their Lordships in whom the defalt is, that suche furder order maie be taken in that behaulf as shalbe thought convenient.

The fray in the City.

A letter to the Lord Chiefe Justice of England and the Master of the Rolles that where an assault hathe ben lately made by the servantes of Thomas Cotton, gentleman, her Majesties servante, uppon Thomas Harrison of the Cittie of London, in the which he was verie sore hurte, and where not long since they were bothe comanded from the Table that the one of them shoulde not offer violence to the other, which commandement notwithstanding the said Harrison by

the servantes of Mr. Cotton is enforced, and therefore vehemently to be suspected that it hathe not ben done without his privitie, wherefore their Lordships thought mete to committe him; forasmuch as their Lordships are desierouse to have the truth of the matter throughly boulted out, and for that pourpose have geven charge to Mr. Cotton to bring fourthe his said servantes and to send them unto them to be examined, they are earnestlie required to take some paynes substancially to examyn the cause why they assaulted the said Harrison, and at whose instigacion, and their examinacions taken to sende them unto their Lordships, together with their opinions of the matter, that suche furder order maie be taken therein as shalbe thought convenient.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

French complaints.

An open letter to the Lord President of the Northe, the Lord Clinton, Viceadmirall of the countie of Lincoln, all Maiours, Shreifes, Bailifes, &c., to be ayding and assisting to the bearer thereof for thexecucion of processe out of the Admiraltie and for the apprehencion of certen English pirattes that have latelie spoiled at the seas certeine French shippes and goodes, belonging all to one Peter Anime, a merchant of Paris, viz[t], one shipp called the Bonvoloire of Quillebeof in Normandy, of xxx tunnes, being loaden with wynes, one other shipp loaden at Ostende in Flanders with xxx[tie] last of herringes and other fish, and an other shipp of Diepe coming from Masterland with xxxv last of herinnges and v packes of lether, this suite being specially commended by the French Ambassadour.

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* The date and names are given in the margin.

Hampton Court, the 23 of February, 1577.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

Trial of a priest in Kent.

To the Justices of the Assises in the countie of Kent that where John Howse and John Hodgekinson, having Commission from the Commissioners for Ecclesiasticall Causes for the serching and finding out of Papists, have of late apprehended one Thomas Wells, a prest, being detected as culpable in some causes against the present state of Religion, the said Wells being thereuppon to be indited and arrayned at the Assises nowe to be holden in that countie, the said Justices are required to be aidinge and assistinge unto the said House and Hodgekinson, aswell for the impanalinge of suche an indifferent jury of honest and well affected persons to the presente state of Religion for the triall of the cause against the offendour, as also for the examyning of any wittnesses that shall be produced for the opening of their knowledge in that matter, and in all other things necessary apperteyning to the same; and if the offendour shall be found giltie in the matter layd to his charg, then to procede against him according to justice and lawe, without any parcialitie.

p. 138. To Mr. Doctour Good and Mr. Frauncis Sambache that where it is informed that they and some of their servantes be able to give evidence against one Thomas Wells, a prest, being detected as culpable in some causes against the presente state of Religion, he being to be tried thereof at the Assises to be holden in the countie of Kent, they and their said servantes that be best acquainted in that matter are required to make their repaire unto the said Assises, there

to deliver suche testimony and evidence against him in her Majesties behalf as they to their knowledg can testifie.

To the Judge of the Admiraltie with certeine articles exhibited by Sir John Perrot against Richard Nashe; he is required to take thexaminacion thereof, and according as matter shall fall out against him so to take order for his forthecoming to be answerable according to justice. The Admiralty Court.

* The 26 of February, 1577.

This daie William Vaughan of Lanrothall in the countie of Hereford, being sent for to make his apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell, hath here appered accordinglie, and is ordered to give his attendance uppon their Lordships till he shall be by them otherwise licenced to departe. Appearance before the Clerk.

At Greenewiche, *quinto Martij*, 1577.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to Sir Richard Grenefelde, Piers Edgcombe, George Keckwich, George Grenefielde and Thomas Cheverton, esquire, or any thre of them, that where uppon complaint made unto their Lordships by Ambrose Digby, gentleman, against Sir John Killigrew, knight, concerning the quarrell happened betwene them, their Lordships wrote their letters to certen Justices of that county to examyn the matter and wittnesses to be produced in the behaulf of the said Digby, since which tyme Sir John, repeiring unto their Lordships, hathe answered in writing the allegacions of Digby against him, alleaging also matter against the said Digby; forasmuche as Sir John A Western quarrel.

* The date is given in the margin.

hathe made humble suite unto their Lordships that the cause
p. 139. might likewise be examined, and witnesses to be produced on his behaulf for his purgacion therein, their Lordships have made choyce of them, and to committe the examinacion of the whole matter unto them, prayeng them to take some paines therein, examining the same by oathes, and to certifie what they shall finde thereof, togeather with their opynions; and for their better examining of the cause their Lordships send unto them the allegacions of the said Sir John against Digby, requiring them substancially to examyn the severall matters contayned in them according to suche furder informacion as the said Sir John shall deliver them herewith.

Quinto (sic) Martij.

Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord of Arundel.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A Sussex quarrel.

A letter to Herbert Pelham, gentleman, that where their Lordships are geven to understande that not long since a servante of the Lord Dacers of the South, having contrarie to his meaning made sale unto him of a certen wood called Cliperham in the county of Sussex, which said wood standing neere unto his howse, and being soe commodious unto him as he cannot spare the same, hath therefore offered sufficient composicion and gaine to release his bargaine, and there uppon he, geving his worde to the Justices of Assise at their last being in that countie to abide suche order as should be taken by certen personnes to have ben chosen arbitrers betwene them in that behaulf, yet notwithstanding his said promise, he hathe proceaded by way of a jurie at the said last Assises, and there hath had judgment with him and since doe goe about to fell the said woode, whereat their Lordships doe not a litel marvaile, his worde being geven to the contrarye; forasmuche as their Lordships are desierouse to take suche order betwene them as shalbe agreeable with

equitie and conscience, he is required to make his undelayed repaire hether unto their Lordships, and in the meane tyme to forbeare to fell any parte or parcell of the said woode.

* *vj^to Marcij*, 1577.

A recognisance fulfilled.

Where William Rawlen of St. Erme is bounde by recognisance acknowledged before John Carminow and Richard Trevanion, Justices of the Peace in the countie of Cornwall and Commissioners appointed emonge others for the hearinge of a cause of complaint of Ambrose Digbye, gentleman, against Sir John Killegrewe, knight, to make his apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell by the vij^th day of this presente Marche, he hathe this daie appered, and p. 140. praied to have the same recorded for his indempnitie; and for so muche as he is one of them for whome Sir John Killigrew is bound to bringe forthe by the xij^th of Aprill, his band for that purpose remayning in the Counsell Chest, the said William Rawlen, by the assent of her Majesties two Secretaries, is licenced to departe untill the said xij^th day of Aprill.

Frobisher's cargo.

To Mr. Peter Edgecombe that where for the fyninge of certen ewre brought in by Marten Furbusher, there is to be uzed the ewre of † ——— and ledd, whereof their Lordships weare informed that their is good stoare in some groundes of his neare Saltashe, and a paterne thereof was sent him by the said Furbusher, he is required to prepare † ——— tonnes of the said ewre to be brought as neare the coast as it may be kept to be imbarked, and he is promised to be recompensed aswell for the ewre as for his charges.

The Queen of Scots.

A Commission for post horses for Andrewe Melvyn, a Scottishe gentleman, to repaire to the Quene of Scottes at Shefeld, and there to attend her by the Quenes permission.

* The date is given in the margin.
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* 7 *Martij*, 1577, Grenewiche.

Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Release from the Tower.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower that where there is remaining prisoner under his charg one Roger Edwards, the Quenes Majestie being moved on his behaulf ys pleasid that uppon his owne bande for his good behaviour hereafter he shalbe set at libertie; he is therefore required to take the said bande in the somme of c^{li} to her Majesties use; that don, to set him at libertie, and theis their Lordships' letters shalbe his warrant for the same.

A summons.

A letter to Thomas Howard, esquire, that where complaint hathe ben made by Robert Gregorie of Weymouthe that he hath dealt verie hardlie with him, chieflie as he informeth for some service by him latelie don to her Majestie, he is therefor required to make his undelayed repaire hether unto their Lordships to aunswere suche matter as shalbe particulerly objected against him in that behaulf.

Conviction of a priest.

A letter to the Bishop of London that where Thomas Wells, prieste, convicted of a *Premunire* for having an *Agnus Dei*, had, as their Lordships are informed, in his custodie, of his owne proper goodes, money and treasure to the value of v$^{c\ li}$ not long before his conviction, which money, goods and treasure is nowe so concealed as her Majestie is like to be defrauded thereof, unles dilligent searche be made in that behaulf; he is therefore required fourthwith to call before him suche persons as the bearers hereof shall geve him informacion of, and all others that in that case he shall holde suspected, and straightlie to examyn them by all good meanes that he shall thinck good uppon such interrogatories for the finding out of the money, &c., as he shall thincke mete; and what soever shall fall out by this examinacion so taken to advertise their Lordships with as convenient expedicion as he maye.

* The date and names are given in the margin.

* Lord Threasurer.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Vicechamberlan.
Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

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The Welsh Council.

Two letters, the one to the Vicepresident of the Marches of Wales, and the other to the Bishop of Bangor and Dr. Price, according to the minutes remayning in the Councell Cheste.

Grenewich, the xth of Marche, 1577, Grenewiche (*sic*).

Lord Admirall.
Erle of Warwick.
Erle of Leicester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

French complaints of English pirates.

A letter to the Lord President of Yeorke that where there hathe ben delivered unto their Lordships, from the Frenche Ambassadour, a peticion inclosed complaining that in Januarie last past a shippe called Le Bon Voulloir of Kilbeufe, laden with xxix tonnes of wyne, appertaining to one Peter Anime, merchaunt of Paris, was taken betwene Cales and Dover by an Englishe pirate called Robert Scarborowe, and the same shippe broughte into the Northe Partes nere Scarborow, where, the pirate being apprehended, the shippe and wynes were seased by the Bailifes of the towne of Scarborowe, and by them disposed and soulde as by the peticion more largelie appearethe; forasmuche as the said Peter Anyme hathe ben an humble suiter unto us that uppon profe made of the propretie of the said shippe and goods they maie be restored unto him, his Lordship is required that uppon such profe thereof made he give presente order for the restitucion thereof unto him, and if the said shippe and goods be not in nature then that he be recompenced of the value thereof, or of so muche thereof as hath come to their handes that have had the ordering and disposing thereof.

* This entry is undated, the names being given in the margin.

Aiding pirates under compulsion.

Whereas Eustace Rolf of the countie of Norffolk, emong others, was certified unto their Lordships by the Commissioners to have bene a dealer with pirattes, and therefore appered before their Lordships to answer his doinges; for as muche as the said Commissioners by their letters unto their Lordships weare intercessours for their Lordships' favour towardes him, for that (as they signified by their said letters) the fault committed by him was don by very compulsion, as it appered to them by testimony brought before them, their Lorships this day have ordered that he should be released of all such matter as in that behalf mought be objected against him, and so dismissed him to retourne home to his house.

p. 142. French complaints.

A letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmiralls, Justices of Peace, Maiours, &c., that where complainte hath bene made unto their Lordships by Peter Anime, merchant of Paris, that a flye bote of his, being loaden at Oistend in Flanders with xxvij laste and a half of white herringes and ij lastes and a half of salte fishe to be transported to Roan, his saide boate with her ladinge uppon the viijth day of January last past was taken betwene Dover and Calles by Roberte Scarborowe, Philipp Yard and John Gaskyn, notorious pirattes, and brought into the Isle of Wight, and there parte of them sold to one Antony Cruse of Newporte and to sundrie other inhabitantes of the said Ile, and another parte sold to John Brewer and to one ——— Gaskyn, a butcher, bothe of Gosporte by Portesmouthe, and an other parte to George Gryme of Leape, and the rest carried away by boates of Leape and Hithe to other places thereabout; for so muche as the complaynante hath made peticion to have restitucion of his said shipp and goodes, they are required in her Majesties name to make dilligent serche in all places, aswell priviledged as otherwise, for the said shipp and goodes or any part thereof, and the same, according to the tenure of a Commission sente herewith, to be fourthewith to be (*sic*) delivered ether to himself or to the bearer hereof in his behalf; and in case any of the aforenamed parties

that have bought or have in their possession any of the said goodes, do refuse to deliver or make satisfaccion for the same, then to take good bandes of every such so refusing to appeare here before their Lordships to be answerable to the premisses according to justice.

The like letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmiralls, &c., that where complaint hath bene made by William Adam, merchant of Diepe, that a shippe called the Barge of Diepe, being laden in Norwey with xxxvj lastes of herringes and five dicar of tanned hides to be brought to Diepe, about the viijth day of January last past was taken neare unto Margate by Roberte Scarborowe, Phillipp Yard and John Gaskyn, notorious pirattes, and brought by them to Meade Hole and other places about the Ile of Wight, and parte of the herringes sold to one John Brewer and one ——— Gaskyn, a butcher of Gosport, and the rest disposed thereabout at their plesure; for that the complainant hath made humble suite for restitucion of his said goodes according to justice, they are required to make dilligent serche in all places for the finding out of the said shipp and goodes, and uppon due profe made by the said proprietarie that they do belonge unto him, to cause the same to be delivered unto him or to the bringer hereof in his name; and in case the said John Brewer and Gaskyn or any other that shall be found to have bought, receved or conveyed any of the said goodes shall refuse to made satisfaccion thereof, then to take bondes of every of them so refusing, in good sommes of money to her Majesties use, for their apparence here fourthwith to be further ordered therein as to justice shall apperteine.

To the Lord Scrope with a peticion inclosed subscribed by the handes of diverse Justices and gentlemen of Cumberland and Westmorland declaring the scarcity and necessitie of corne in the cuntries, and desiring to be releved from some other partes of this realme; for that the said Justices and gentlemen whose names weare subscribed are for the most parte personnes unknowne to their Lordships, and thereby the necessitie of the request not yet ordered to be

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Scarcity in the North.

releived, his Lordship is desired to certifie the very trouthe of the state and necessitie of the premisses in that cuntrey, that thereuppon order may be geven accordinglie, and that by his Lordship's care it may be foresene that such releif as shall be meete to be granted may be faithefully imploied onelie to the use of the cuntrey as in the peticion is pretended.

An obstinate recusant.

To the Lord Archbishop of Yorke and the Lord President and the rest of the Commissioners for Ecclesiasticall Causes, where John Townley of Townley was convented before them for his obstinacie in Religion, and after some inprisonement there was ordered to make his repaire to London or to some place where the Deane of Pawles might have accesse and conference with him to induce him to a better conformitie, their Lordships, consulting what is metest to be done with him, and finding it unmete that he should retourne home by reason of his great power in his cuntrey, and having found that by former imprisonement in York he was rather made worse then better by conference with personnes worse affected than himself, their Lordships declare that he shall be imprisoned here in or neare London in some house at the appointement of the Deane of Pawles, uppon his owne bandes of m^{li} that he shall remayne, &c., according to the bandes in the Counsell Chest; they signifie also that Mr. Rokeby, one of that Counsell, hath thought this order metest and that they give notice thereof to the Archbishop, &c., to the ende they may take order for Townley's indempnitie for not appering before them, and that they advertize their opinions what is meete to be done with him in case in this tyme till the ende of Michelmas Terme he yeld not to good conformitie.

To the Deane of Pawles expressing theffect of the former letter and requiring him to take care of the usage of him according to the expectacion of my Lordes, and according to the trust reposed in him as muche as in the bandes of the said Townley.

Recovery of wrecked goods.

A letter of assistance to all Viceadmiralls, Justices, &c., that where Thomas Russell, merchant of the Cittie of London, in October last past had certen goodes and merchandizes, viz.; pitche, tarr and clapbordes, being loaden in a vessell, which by pretence of a wreck weare unjustlie seased and conveyed away into sundry places in the counties of Essex and Kent, for the recovery whereof according to justice he hath obteyned processe out of the Court of thadmiraltie; they are required to be aiding and assisting unto the bearer hereof for the due execucion of the said proces, and for the recovery of the said goodes into the possession of the said Russell, according to equitie and the true meaning of the said processe.

A letter of assistance to all Justices of Peace, Viceadmiralls, &c., that where Harmon Allartson, late master of a hulke called the Egle of Breme, Marten La Failles and other merchantes of London, as factours to Antony Malparte and other merchantes of Andwerpp interressed in the goodes loaden in the said hulke, have made complaint that the said hulk coming in her voiage from St. Lucars in Spaine towardes Zeland, there to discharge her loading, being oiles, wynes, sugers, ginger and diverse other merchandizes, was driven by contrarie windes into the haven of Plymowthe, and uppon the xxiijth day of February last past there by tempest of wether was lost, the most part of the merchandiz[e] therein coming to the handes of diverse persones of Plymowth and Stonehouse and other the inhabitantes of the cuntrey thereaboutes; processe being obteyned out of the Court of the Admiraltie for the recovery of the same goodes to the true proprietaries, they are required to aide and assiste Arnold Beard, being appointed for that purpose, to have thexecucion of the said processe for the recovery of the said goodes according to justice and right. p. 144.

Scottish Archers of the French Guard.

A pasport for certeine Scotishemen being come from Rye under the pasport of the said towne, and latelie arriving thether out of France, whereof some of them

weare merchantes and the rest Archers of the King of Fraunce' Gard; they are licenced by pasport from hence to goe into Scotland by the way of Berwicke.

p. 145. At Grenewiche, the xiiijth of Marche, 1577.

The presence:

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Impeding the Queen's service.

To Sir Hugh Chomley, Sir Lawrence Smithe, Sir Rafe Egerton, or any two of them, with a peticion exhibited against one John Griffen of Nontewiche, butcher, for takinge away certeine post horses appointed for the service of her Majestie, to the great hindrance of the same, being a great disobedience and contempt. They are required to cause the said John Griffen to be apprehended and examined, and findinge him to be culpable in that offence to cause him to be punished for the same according to their discrecions and the quallitie of his offence. And whereas Roberte Duckington, Constable of that towne, hathe bene at charges in travailing hether to complaine of that contempt, they are likewise required, besides the punishment of the offence, to give order that the said Griffen may pay all the charges of the said Constable.

Grain for Galway.

Two letters to the Commissioners against the Transportacion of Grayne and Victells in the counties of Gloucester and Somerset for the suffering to passe out of either of the said counties 25 quarters of wheat, 50 quarters of beanes, 50 quarters of malt, and 50 quarters of barly for the releif of the towne of Galwey in Ireland, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Claim to a wreck.

A letter to the Deane and Chapiter of Canterbury recomending unto them the restitucion of a shippe called the St. Catheryn of Marcelles, belonging to certen Frenche-

men of the Relligion, which shippe was driven by tempeste uppon some parte of the Isle of Sheppey, being certen lande belonging to the Churche of Canterbury, and therfore challenged by the said Deane and Chapter as a wracke to appertaine unto them; they are earnestly desiered to have comiseracion of the case of the poore men, and to render unto them their said shippe and goods.

Payment for plays.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber for the somme of x^{li}, to be paid to the Lord Chamberlaynes plaiers, the same being plaied on Candelmas Day last.

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A sequestration removed.

To Sir William Skipworth, Hamond Upton, Thomas Massingberd, William Hunston and Mr. Bowes, or any two of them, to releasse the sequestracion of the money committed to the Maiour of Boston, and cause it to be delivered to Mr Christofer Cocker upon the sight of the said letters.

The provisions for Ireland.

To the Commissioners appointed against the Transportacion of Grayne and Victells in the Portes of London, Ipswiche, Yermouthe and Chichester, that where a proporcion of victells to the quantitie of one hundred weye of wheat, iiij^{xx} barrells of butter, x^{m} poundes of biskett, tenne thowsand poundes of chese, and xxx tonne of beare was provided by Edward Waterhouse for the victuling of ij thowsand soldiours that weare appointed to have bene imploied in her Majesties service in the realme of Ireland, which because the said service was not accomplished as was entended and the said victells remayning still in the handes of the said Waterhouse, her Majesties plesure is that in consideracion of the charges susteined by the said Waterhouse, by himself and his servantes, in making the said provision, he shold nowe be licenced to transport and to sell and utter the same provision in any partes beyond the seas to any persons being subjectes to any Prince in amitie with her Majestie, and therefore aswell the Customers and Serchers of the Portes aforesaid as the above said Commissioners are required to suffer him and his assignes to transport the premisses freely, without any maner of custome, so

as they excede not the severall quantities above mencioned, whereunto the said Customers and Serchers are willed to have good regard and to certifie the Lord Threasurer thereof

xviij° Martij, 1577.

Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

An old difficulty.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour Generall that where there dependeth a matter betwene William Norreys and James Cressy, esquire, wherein Mr. Richard Hurleston is partie, concerning the execucion of the late will of Thomas Wayneman, esquire, deceased, their Lordships being desierouse to have a finall ende made betwene them to the satisfaccion of either of the parties, have thought good to make choyce of them two, and to require them, calling the parties fourthwith before them, to heare the matter and to advertise of some good way to be taken for their indempnities, and thereof to certifie their Lordships with as convenient spede as they maye.

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The London levies.

Instructions for the trayning of 2,000 Shottes within the Citty of London, delivered with a letter signed by her Majestie to that purpose.

The Admiralty Court.

A letter to the Lord Vicounte Howarde and Sir Henry Asheley, knight, requiring them to see a processe granted unto one Nicholas Billard, Frenchman, for the recovering of a shippe called the James arrested in the port of Weymouthe, duelie to be put in execucion, and also to examyn the cause why Thomas Clement Bayly, resisted the same, and yf they shall find it don without juste cause to se the said Clement punished for his contempt.

Maundy Money.

A warrant to the Warden of her Majesties Mynte for the delivery of xiij^{li} in newe pence to the Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber for her Highnes' Maundey.

To Sir Rowland Haiward and Alderman Barnes with a peticion inclosed exhibited by one Phillipp Dodd, merchante, complayning against Henry Beamont, esquier, and John Hankyn, that by their indirecte dealinges he is like to be deprived bothe from the recovery of a certeine somme of money due unto him and from the possession of a lease which was morgaged unto him for the same money; they are required by vertue of these letters to calle bothe parties before them, and suche wittnesses and evidences as eche of them can produce for testifieng of the trouthe, and after the due examinacion thereof to use all good meanes that they can to bring them to agrement with bothe their assentes; and yf they cannot so do, then to advertize in whome they shall finde the falte, with their opinions in the cause, to the intent that thereuppon their Lordships may procede (if the matter shall be further pursued) according to justice. An arbitration.

To the Lord Maiour and Alderman of the Cittie of London that where a pittifull complaint hath bene exhibited by a poor impotent man named Turpin against one John Gilbourne, draper, declaring that the said Gilbourne, by the practize of a broker, did putt certeine wares and plate to the value onelie of 25*li* into the handes of the said poor man and obteined assurance of him by band with suertie in cc markes and the pawne also of the lease of his howse worthe one hundred markes that he shall pay for the said wares at Gilbournes retourne from Paris iiij^{xx}xiij^{li} xv^{s}, the recovery of which somme the said Gilbourne dothe pursue with great extremitie, together with the forfeiture of his lease, contrary to all equitie and conscience, and to the utter undoing of the pore man; they are therefore required to calle the said Gilbourne before them, and to examyn aswell the substance as the circumstance of the bargaine, and to make such ende therein as may be agreable to equitie and conscience; and if Gilbourne shall seme obstinate therein and will not be induced to some resonable agreament, then to advertize their Lordships thereof, with their opinion of the matter, what thereuppon they may procede according to justice. A hard bargain.

p. 148. *xix Martij, Anno* 1577, Greenewiche.

Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwike.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Ireland. A letter to the Lord Deputie according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

A detained boat to be released. A letter to Sir Edwarde Horsey and the Customer of the porte of Southampton that where by their Lordships' letters of the xxiiij[th] of February last concerning a flie boate and certen merchandizes taken from one Dericke Cornelison by one White, a pirate, their Lordships gave order that uppon proofe of the proprietie therein they shoulde geve order for the restitucion thereof unto Cornelison aforesaid, and where their Lordships doe understande by letters from him, Sir Edward Horsey, that the said flie boate is founde to appertaine unto the said Cornelison, and that forasmuch as they had praised the said boate to her Majesties use as having ben touched with piracie, althoughe againste the owner's will, and thereuppon indented with them the Customer of Southampton according to the former generall order taken by the Lord Threasurer and Sir Walter Mildmay before the said Direck Cornelison made his claime thereunto, for which cause he, Sir Edward Horsey, is desier[ou]s to have their Lordships' letters for the redelivery of their indentures the one to the other, therby to reste discharged towards her Majestie for cv[li], whereat the said flieboate and furniture was by them praised; they are therefore required fourthwith to cancell their said indentures and so to make delivery of the said flieboate unto the owner accordingly, and theis their Lordships' letters to be their sufficient warrant and discharge in that behaulf.

The Queen's Printer's privileges. A letter to Mr. Sollicitour that where complainte hathe ben made by Christofer Barker, her Majesties Printer, that diverse printers of London do take uppon them the printing of diverse bookes incident to his office and speciallie men-

tioned in his Letters Patentes, as namelie Richard Totell, under the name of Lawe Bookes, dothe printe and make sale of certen abridgmentes of Statutes, being not thereunto privileged either from her Majestie or from us, where by, as by like intrusion of others whome the said Barker shall herewith notifie unto him, he is defrauded almost of the whole benefitte of his office; forasmuche as their Lordships see noe reason why he shoulde be abused by the common printers of the Cittie, their Lordships thincke it necessary aswell for his right as for others to require him to call before [him] aswell the said Totell as suche others as he shall nominate unto him to intermedle in his said office, and substancially to examyn their privileges, patentes or licences, and conferring them with his Letters Patentes of the office to consider by what right they challeng any of the bookes or volumes contayned in his graunte, and thereuppon to make his repair hether to certifie their Lordships thereof, that suche order maie be taken thereon as shalbe agreable with justice; and where one Henry Denham hathe taken from him at the severall howses of his bynders certen copies of a volume contayning the thirde part of the Bible, he is like wise required to call the said Denham before him, and to examyn p. 149. by what right or authoritie he hathe soe don, and thereof also at his coming to advertise their Lordships.

A charge of manslaughter.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmay and the Master of the Rolles that where complainte hathe ben made unto their Lordships by one Anthony Kirle against William Vaughan, esquire, a lackey of which Vaughan's having uppon some folly stricken a sonne of the said Kirle, whereby the said sonne resting in some dainger of deathe, the said Vaughan being charged with the fourthcoming of his said lackey he refused so to doe, alleaging some causes to the contrarye why he shoulde not, and when, not long after, Kirle's sonne dyeng of that hurt received, it was founde that the said lackey was escaped not without the privytie of Vaughan, as Kirle offerethe to prove; their Lordships, being otherwise troubled with her Majesties busines, have made choyce of

them two, and do committe the examinacion thereof by hearing bothe parties with suche witnesses and proves as are to be produced on tother side, whome they have for that pourpose appointed to attende uppon him (*sic*), and do therefore require them presentlie to take some paynes therein, and with as convenient dilligence as they maie to certifie their Lordships thereof, together with their opinions what shalbe fit to be don by their Lordships in their case, that thereuppon, &c.

p. 150. The xxth of Marche, 1577.

The presence:

The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Threasurer.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Letters of summons.

A warrant to calle Serjant Haynes, Thomas Stanley and Rafe Isake, Constables in Holbourne, to appere before their Lordships presentlie uppon their warnyng gyven.

To warne likewise Frauncis Griffin and Peter Van Loar to appere before the said Lordes uppon Sonday next.

A warrant for Edward Passion, of Fyfeld in Wiltishire, to appere before their Lordships within viij daies after the recept of the warrant.

The like warrant to George Rotheram, esquier, for his like apparence within viij daies of the receipt thereof.

The Sussex dispute.

A letter to Sir John Pelham, knight, William Morley and George Goringe for the orderinge of the matter in contraversie betwene the Lord Dacres and Harbert Pelham for the sale of a wodd called Clipernham, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

The Cess in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland in answer of two of his, thone towching his dealing with Lordes of the cuntrey

towching Cesse, thother concerning his voiage to the countie of Kilkenny, according [to] the minute in the Counsell Chest.

* The 22 of Marche, 1577.

This day Thomas Stanley and Rafe Isott (*sic*), two Constables of St. Andrewes in Holbourne, being sent for to make their apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell, have here appered accordinglie, and desired to have the same recorded, and they be ordered hereby not to departe until their Lordships have licenced them thereunto. Appearance before the Clerk.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A letter to Sir George Peckham and Michell Blunt, esquire, that where there hathe ben matters in controversie betwene Robert Woodclife of Alisbury, gentleman, and Robert Wyden, Yeoman of her Majesties Chamber, concerning a copie holde in the countye of Bucks, uppon complainte thereof unto their Lordships, having called bothe partes unto them, who being desierous to have yt ended doe submitte them selfes to suche ende as shalbe by them [made] betwene the parties, and are therefore required to call bothe parties before them, and to cause them to enter into sufficient bands to stande to their ende for all matters betwene them, and thereuppon to examyn all causes and determyn a finall ende betwene them, so that they, nor any of them, maie have any cause An Arbitration.

* The date is given in the margin.

of furder complaint hereafter, desiering to be certified of there doinges herein.

A German traveller.

A Letter Patent to all officers requireng them not only to suffer George, Baron of Stubinberg in Highe Germany, quietlie to passe by them with vij men in his companie, but to se him provided from place to place to Dover of so many horses as he shall neede, but there also of a convenient vessell for his safe transportacion.

A French ship released.

A letter to _____ that where their Lordships did latelie write their letters to the Deane and Chapiter of Canterburie for restitucion of a shippe with certen merchaundizes called the St. Katherin of Marseilles, driven by tempest uppon a parte of the Isle of Sheppey, who, yeilding to their Lordships' request, have delivered the said shippe and so muche of the goods to the owners as came unto their hands; and where certen of the inhabitauntes of that Isle have taken a good part of the said goods and furniture into their hands, refusing to referr the same unto the owners, they are required presentlie, uppon the receipte of their Lordships' letters, to examyn who doe retaine any part of the said goods, and by vertue hereof to cause every of them fourthwith to redeliver to Peter Ayllan, master of the said shippe, as muche as shalbe proved to have come unto their hands, or yf it be not in nature, then to restore the just valew thereof; which yf they refuse to doe, then to take bands of them to her Majesties use for their presente apparence here before their Lordships, that suche furder order may be taken therein as shall [be] convenient.

The Admiralty Court.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that where Sir John Parrot hath informed their Lordships that he hath matter to charge one _____ concerning his dealing with pirates, forasmuche as the examinacion thereof belongethe to that Court he is inquired to call the said _____ before him and dilligently to examyn the contentes of the same, desiering to be certified what he shall finde thereof with as muche expedicion as maye be.

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Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Arundell.
Erle of Warwicke.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Unsatisfied Danish claims.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that where one John Peterson, a subjecte of the King of Denmarke, spoiled of a shippe and goods by Hix, the pirate, lately executed, was recomended from the said King for restitucion of the spoile to be made unto him, and where since the taking of Hix Peterson hathe ben restored unto his shippe, and furder for the rest it was ordered by their Lordships he shoulde be recompenced by certen fynes to be put uppon suche as shoulde be founde to have ben dealers withe pirattes, according to a Comission graunted from her Majestie to that pourpose, whereof he hathe receyved cc^{li}, and was to receyve the rest as it was from tyme to tyme to be leavied uppon the offendours, who not contented to attende till his whole satisfaccion in this order might be made hathe on the sodane protested and is departed into Denmarke; their Lordships foreseing what inconvenience might follow thereby to suche her Majesties subjectes as ether are there or hereafter shall trade into the Est Partes, have thought it good to require him to call before him all suche of that Cittie as doe trade that way, and to perswade them to leavie amongst them selfes, every one according to his abillitie, soe muche money as remaynethe to be payed unto the said Peterson, which will not be above mc^{li}, which shall be payed unto them againe as the fynes aforesaid shalbe leavied, which will not be long; not doubting but they will the willinger yeild unto [this], considering it is for their owne benefitte and they to be noe furder interessed, but only the forbering of their money for a tyme, which maye be lesse burden unto them then yf his Lordship shall inquire what merchantes of Hull, Ipswich, Harwich and Newcastell doe trade that way,

uppon the receipt of whose names from their Lordships the like order shalbe taken with them to assiste this contribucion, desiering to be certified, &c.

For two arrests. A letter to Sir William Moore, knight, and Thomas Lyfeilde, esquire, for the apprehending of one Thomas Morison *alias* Leye and one Robert Webbe, and upon their apprehencion to sende them unto their Lordships; and for the better doing thereof to take informacion of John Nicholes, who shall informe them where the persones be, and to sease such writinges as shalbe founde aboute them and to send the same unto their Lordships with the said persons.

A passport for a Germar Baron. A passporte for John Sigismonde, Baron of Hernestein in Hyghe Germanye, for him self and vij persons of his companie to passe over the seas.

Two suspected persons. * A letter to the Erle of Bedford to send up unto their Lordships, under the custody of sume of his trustiest servantes, one Blaxton and Kenion, being of late repaired out of the partes of beyond the seas into that countrye and stayed uppon suspicion by his Lordship.

p. 153. † xxixth March, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Robbery and murder. A letter to the Lord Keper to graunte oute a Commission of *Oyer* and *Determiner* unto the Lord Cheife Justice, the Master of the Rolls, Justice Southcotte, Justice Manwoode, Mr. Atturney, Mr. Sollicitour, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Pole, Mr. Archer, Mr. Steuard and Mr. Sisley for the triall of one George Mynars and Pipe, who latelie committed a greate robberie and murther in the Forreste of Waltham.

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* This entry is added in the margin.
† The date and names are given in the margin.

xxix (sic) Martij, Grenewich.

Signed by:

The Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Tresorer (*sic*).	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Passports for Germans.

A pasport for John Walras Sanckrintell, Henrye Bocleno, John Jacob Bruning, Nicholas Wormser and Valentine von Armen, gentlemen of Almayn, to retorne into Germanye with their bagges, bagages and soche mastifes dogges and bitches as they have, &c.

A Dutch iron-founder.

A placart for Jacob Yerich, Dutcheman, that whereas he was entred into bandes to one Thomas Chapman for serving of the King of Denmark in casting and founding of iron, which said bargaine he is not able to performe, being charged with wiffe and family here, and therefore desireth to be released of the same; forasmuch as their Lordships think that the said Dutcheman cannot be spared, they require that if any shall go about to vexe or molest him by sute of lawe or otherwise chalenge any thinge, then he to send and addresse the said parties to their Lordships, who will take order for their satisfaction accordingly, and in the meane time they to forbeare to procede against him, &c.

* The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.

Slander and subornation.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcot, Sir Owen Hopton, the Deane of the Arches, the Judge of the Admiraltie, that where one Edward Longborough exhibited a peticion unto their Lordships against one Raphe Redman, by whose subornation he alledgeth himself to have slaundered one John Morgan,

* This entry, the date of which is written in the margin, has afterwards been struck out.

gentleman, one of her Majestie's servantes, his wiffe and others, wheruppon both the said Longborough and John Morgan made humble sute unto their Lordships to have the matter of the slaunder and subornation effectuallie examined; their Lordships require them to call the said parties and others to witnesse on either side, and then to proceade to a through and substantiall examinacion of the whole matter on eche parte, and therof to advertise their Lordships with spede convenient.

Uncoined silver.

A letter to the Master Worker of her Majesties Moneyes that where he detaineth in his handes certaine ingottes and other silver appertaininge unto divers merchauntes, which since the controversie betwene him and the Warden of the Mynte doe as yet (as their Lordships are informed) remaine uncoyned, their Lordships, uppon humble sute of the saide merchauntes, require him by their letter to redeliver into them the said ingottes and silver, their Lordships having taken order notwithstanding for his benefit of coynage, that the same shall not be transported out of the realme, but shalbe forth coming to be coyned when occasion shall so require.

Irregularities at Milford.

A letter to George Deareux, John Owgan of Bolston, Griffith White, Fraunces Laharne, Hugh Owen, that whereas complainte hath ben made unto their Lordships by one John Kist, Searcher of the porte of Millforde, against one Erasmus Saunders, Maiour of the towne of Tinbye, and Griffith Dunne, touching certaine injuries offered unto him by the aforenamed partye, and also for conveyinge of forbidden and unaccustomed wares into Portugall, and for which the said John Kiste humblie sueth unto their Lordships to have redresse; their Lordships require that his griefes maye be substanciallie examined, and furthwith that diligent inquirie be made whether anye such conveyance of wares into Portugall have ben made by the said Saunders and Dunne, and in what sorte, and furthwith also that they cause the said Griffin Dunne to be apprehended and committed upon

examinacion and proofe that the said John Kiste shall have ben hurte and maymed by him as he alleageth, and of their doinges herin to advertise their Lordships.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Thresorer.
Erle of Warwik.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretare (*sic*) Wilson.

Coining in Norfolk.

A letter to Mr. Cleere, Mr. Doilye, Mr. Shelton, that wheras their Lordships were enformed by one Eloye Minstrell, convicted and condemned at the Assises in the contie of Norffolk for false coyninge, that one Drurye, dwellinge at the signe of the Crosse Keyes in Thetforde, dealt with him for the makinge of a certaine stampe of xij^{a} for the counterfaitinge of her Majesties moneyes, and for that purpose repaired to his house in Southwarke to receave the same, and had further (as it is reported) at the same time, one of blacke visage in his house with him, verie skillfull in alchimie; their Lordships require them to repaire to the said Druries house and diligentlie to examine the matter, and in case they shall finde anye of the said parties to [be] culpable or vehementlie suspected, forthwith to commit them to prison; and further also to searche the said Druries house for such stampes or instrumentes as are incident to those dealinges, and therof to advertise their Lordships with speede.

College estates in Berks.

A letter to the Warden of the Quenes Colledge and Rectour of Lincolnes Colledge in Oxforde, that wheras one Thomas Coxhed, of Beden in the countie of Berks, exhibited a complaint unto their Lordships that wheras one William Fetiplace gave to them of the Quenes Colledge in Oxforde certaine landes lyinge in the said countie of Berks, willinge and ordering that none of the olde tenantes should be put out, payinge their rentes, but should should (*sic*) uppon the

expiringe of their olde leases paye double one yeres rent, and so continue for ever if they would, for performance wherof it is also said that he put them of Lincolnes Colledge in trust, bequeathinge unto them a certaine annuall rent out of the same landes for the same purpose, nevertheles, it is enformed that they of the Quenes Colledge havinge graunted a fee farme of the landes to one Alexander Fetiplace, the said Coxhed is disspossed (*sic*) and other tenantes uppon the expiringe of their olde leases, contrarie to the will of the testatour; their Lordships therfore, uppon commiseration of the poore man's case, require them uppon consideracion therof to take order either amonge themselves or with the parties to whom they have granted the fee farme, so as either the pore man maie be restored to the possession of his ferme uppon doublinge of his rent, or otherwise satisfied to his contentacion accordinge to equitie; which if they shall not be hable to doe, then to certifie their Lordships how the matter standeth and what they shalbe hable to alledge to the contrarie for their excuse.

Illegal detention of goods.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that wheras by a Supplicacion exhibited unto their Lordships by one Thomas Russell of London, merchant, that he havinge in October last a shippe laden with sondrie merchandises, divers parcells of the same were uppon a false pretence and surmise were (*sic*) witholden by sondrie of the inhabitantes of that coast, wherof (as he enformeth) he is hable to bringe good proofe; their Lordships require them with thassistance of the Justices of Peace theraboutes, uppon receipt of their Lordships' letters and such informacions as the partie shall geve unto them, to cause the matter to be diligentlie examined and the partie restored or sufficientlie satisfied of so much as shall appertaine unto him; wherto if any shall refuse to con-
p. 156. descende, then to advertise their Lordships of their names and the particularities of the matter wherwith they are charged and their opinion concerning the same, that further order maie be taken accordinglie.

A letter to the Lord Riche to the same effecte.

A letter to the Lord Darcye and Mr. Tey that wheras their Lordships are enformed that one Browninge, of the towne of Pelden beside Colchester in the countie of Essex, is vehementlie suspected to have ben a dealer in false coyninge, their Lordships require them to make their repaire to the said place and there to cause the said Browninge with one Goodwin, who is reported to have ben a sojorner in the said Browninge's house, to be apprehended and his house diligentlie searched what stampes, false coynes, mettall, or anie such like stuffe maie be founde therin, all which thinges, together with the persones aforesaid, their Lordships require to be sent up unto them that further order maie be taken accordinglie. Coining in Essex.

A letter to Sir Owen Hopton, knight, and the rest of the Commissioners for the Hearinge of the Causes of the Poore Prisoners in the Kinges Benche, that wheras one William Wacham, prisoner there, havinge compounded with divers of his creditours who had the greatest causes to their good contentacion, and that v or vj of them, to whome he is indebted for lesser summes, doe not onlie refuse to agree with him but also forbeare to enter anye accions against him, to thintent to take their advantage against him when they shall espie fittest occacion, wherby he shall neither be hable to kepe dayes with his said creditours nor to relieve him self, his wiffe and children; their Lordships, of pitie and commiseracion to the poore man's case, require the said Commissioners to call such his creditours before them as the said Wacham shall name unto them, and in their Lordships' names to use the best perswasions and meanes they can to bringe [them] to the like conformitie and compositions as the rest have don; and in case anye shall refuse to condescende herunto, then to certifie their Lordships of the names of them, together with the particularities of the differences betwene them, that further order maie be taken herafter accordinglie. Relief for a poor debtor.

A letter to Justice Southcotte, Sir Owen Hopton, knight, the Judge of the Admiraltie and Mr. Doctour Clerke, that Slander and subornation.

wheras there hath a peticion ben exhibited unto their Lordships by one by one (*sic*) Edwarde Longborowe against one Raphe Redman, by whose subornacion he alledgeth that he was constrained to slaunder one John Morgan, gentleman, one of her Majesties servauntes, his wiffe and others; forasmuch as the said John Morgan with the said Edward Longborowe have made humble sute unto their Lordships that the matter of the slaunder and subornacion might be effectuallie examined, their Lordships require [them] to call the said parties and others to witnesse on eyther side before them, and to proceade to a through and substantiall examinacion of the whole matter on eche parte, and therof to advertise their Lordships with speede convenient.

p. 157. Treasure for Ireland. A letter to the Lieutenaunt of the Ordnance to require him that wheras there is presentlie sent a certaine quantitie of treasure unto the Lord Deputie of the realme of Irelande, that they who have the charge therof maye have convenient cariages for the conveyighinge (*sic*) therof unto the sea side out of that her Majesties store remaining under his charge.

A placarte to see one, being presentlie dispatched with some charge of importance to the Lord Deputie of the realme of Irelande, to be served of hable post horses for him self and such as shalbe with him, and further of convenient carte horses, or teemes with their furniture, for the conveyghinge (*sic*) of their cariage, together with a convenient nomber of some honest persones to safeconducte the same from place to place to the sea side, and there also to provide them of convenient shippinge.

* Grenewiche, 4° *Aprilis*, 1578.

Therle of Leicester. Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Comptroler. Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Tamworth Fair. To the Bailifes of Tamworthe that where a contraversie is lately growne betwene Sir William Devoreux, knight, and

* The date and names are given in the margin.

Mr. Humfrey Ferrers, concerning the election of the Stewardshipp of Tamworth, and that thereuppon there is like to falle out some disturbance at the Faier to be holden there on St. George's Day next, they are required for the avoiding the inconveniences thereof to requier Mr. Ferrers to forbeare thexecucion of the said office, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

The like letter to Sir William Devoreux concerning that matter.

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Presence:

Lord Admirall.
Earl of Leycester.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Coining in Essex.

A letter to the Lord Darcye thanckinge him for his paines taken in the apprehension of Browninge, Eldred and Goodwin, and further signyfyinge that they, being vehementlie suspected to have dealt in false coyninge, their Lordships have committed them to prison; requiringe him that forasmuch as the said Browninge is expresslie charged to have two false stampes, one of vj^{d} and thother of the soveraigne, which were not amongest the rest of the trumperie sent upp by his Lordship, that therfore he would cause the said Browninge's house to be againe searched for such thinges; and further to examine the persons of the house whether anie of them were privye to anye such thinge and other his doinges in such matters, and therof to advertise their Lordships with speede convenient; addinge to this their Lordships' letter a *postscript* requiringe his Lordship that such refininge pottes and other boles not yet sent upp, and remayninge in Browninge's house (wherof his Lordship writeth) might be safelye locked upp, signifying that their Lordships have willed further Mr. Marten, Warden of her

Majesties Mint, to sende downe some skillful person to see them, and requiring his Lordship to be assistant to him therin.

A letter to Mr. Martin that wheras there were certaine persones apprehended in the countie of Essex uppon suspition of false coyninge, and seased with some peces of counterfaicte coyne and other instrumentes belonginge to that trade, therfore their Lordships havinge sent the same unto him in a capcase, require him in so much as he is well acquainted with those instrumentes, havinge discovered the like practises before, to geve attendaunce uppon the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall, whome their Lordships assigned to examine the said persones, to declare his opinion in the said instrumentes; with a *postscript*, willinge him to sende some skillfull person to the Lord Darcye for the seing of the refininge pottes and other instrumentes which are in Browninge's house at Pelden in Essex.

p. 159. A letter to the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr. Attorneye Generall and Mr. Sollicitour Generall, that wheras one Eloye Mensterell, condemned for false coyninge at the last Assises holden in the countye of Norffolk, he (*sic*) accused sondrie persones to be dealers in the like matters, and namelye one Browninge and Goodwin, resident in the countie of Essex, whome the Lord Darcye uppon the receipt of their Lordships' letters sent upp with one Eldred, a cuninge smithe and maker of instrumentes founde in the said Browninge's house, who, havinge ben by their Lordships order examined here, doe nevertheles denye the facte; therfore their Lordships require them uppon the perusing of the appellacion of the said Eloye (which their Lordships sende in these their letters inclosed), the Warden of the Mint being further comaunded to attende upon them to shewe them the irons and other stuffe sent upp, that they would theruppon drawe out such articles as are meete for the boltinge out and understandinge of the trothe of the matter, and diligentlie and substanciallie to examine them uppon the same, to thintent the whole trothe of the matter

maye be understode, and further to certifie their Lordships of their opinions what they shall thincke the lawe to be in everie of their cases.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower requiringe him that wheras their Lordships have committed the examininge of Browninge, Goodwin and Eldred to the Lord Chief Justice, himself and Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall, that he woulde sende the said parties unto them under safe garde of some of his servantes at such time as they shall require the same.

The Council Chamber.

A warrant to Sir Thomas Heanege to deliver unto Robert Langham, Keper of the Councell Chamber, the somme of x^{li} for his paines there taken, and for provision of other necessaries for the said Chamber for one whole yere endinge at the Feast of the Anuntiacion of Our Ladie last past.

Grain for the North.

Two letters to the Commissioners against the Transportacion of Grayne and Victells in the counties of Somerset and Dorset for the suffering of Roger Robinson and William Brokebanke to make provision and to transporte out of eche of the said counties the quantitie of one thowsand quarters of barly, ootes and beanes for the sustentacion of her Majesties subjectes in Cumberland and Westmorland, accordinge to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

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The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Welsh matters.

To the Bishop of Bangour and Elis Price, advertising him of the receipt of his letter of the 24 of Marche, in answer of one from their Lordships of the 18 of the same; by which although their Lordships do understand that the accomplishement of the effect of their letters was prevented by some forwarning given to suche persons as weare to be

towched, yet they give him and his assistantes thankes for their dilligence used in that behalf; and concerninge a recorde which they sent with their said letters, their Lordships do meane to reserve the same emong others that properlie apperteine to her Majestie; and where they do advertise by their letters that Thomas Owen lurketh in places out of that sheire, and is likelie at some tyme to make his repaire home to his owne house, and that they meane to cause him to be apprehended and examined, they are willed so to do and all others likewise that they shall suspecte to be of suche lewde behaviour; they are required also to make dilligent inquirie to finde out the clerk that gave the forwarning to such as should have bene apprehended, and as such clerkes are not worthie to be holden in office of creditt, so are they required uppon the knowledge of him who it was that he may receive ponishement according to his desertes.

A converted recusant.

To the Bishop of London and the rest of the Commissioners for Ecclesiasticall Causes that where the Lady Browne, wief to Sir Christofer Browne, being latelie committed prisoner to the Tower of London by their order for some misdemeanours and obstinacie against the presente state of Religion established in this realme, dothe nowe showe some towardnes of repentance, and promiseth her self to be of better conformitie hereafter, is (*sic*) nowe upon the suite of her said husbande and bandes taken of him in iij$^{c\ li}$, the copie wherof is sent hereinclosed, they are required to geve order to the Lieutenante of the Tower for her delivery out of his custody to sett her at libertie.

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The Queen's Bench prison.

To the Lord Chefe Justice, the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Justice Sothecott, Mr. Manhode (*sic*), Mr. Sollicitour Generall, or any three of them, with a peticion inclosed in the behalf of Robert Neale, gentleman, prisoner in the Quenes Benche, declaringe of his great vexacion, indurance and extremitie by iiij yeres imprisonment, and also the great crueltie showed unto him by the Keper, who uppon some surmised causes (if it be true as is alledged) doth procure newe matter

both of his further vexacion and longer imprisonment, the which, if it be so, deserveth compassion and some meanes to be used aswell for his enlargement as for the ponishement of the Keper's misdemeanours, if it be proved that he is faltie therein; they are therefore required, with as good expedicion as they can, to calle both parties before them and to use all good meanes they can after the examinacion of the trouthe in the premisses to sett them at agreament, that the peticioner may once have an ende of his troubles and be sett at libertie if the justnes of his cause shall so deserve; and if it falle out that any badd devices have bene unlawfullie put in execucion against him, to cause the same to be ponished according to lawe, and to order recompence to the peticioner acording the proporcion of his wrong; and if they shall finde that this strife is contynued of any vaine quarrels, and that ether of the parties through stubbernes will not be brought to accord, then to certifie in whome they shall finde the defalt with their opinions of the state of the matter, that their Lordships may deale further therein as the cause in right shall requier.

Difficulty as to a wreck at Plymouth.

To the Erle of Bedford with a coppie of a letter inclosed sent unto the Lord Admirall by Sir Arthur Champernowne not long before his deathe, wherein is reported of the badd dealinges of Mr. Edgecomb and his tenantes in withholding certeine goodes chaunsing by a shipp wracke that fell neare the towne of Plymowthe; his Lordship is required to calle Mr. Edgecomb before him, and aswell by the report of the said letter as by any other meanes that the Commissioners can informe him that had the dealinges in that matter, to charge him with his faltes; and where he shall be found or any of his tenantes to deteyne any porcion of the said goodes, to cause him or them to deliver the same without any delay or lingering; and if he shall refuse so to do then to take bandes of him to her Majesties use for his personall apparence before their Lordships by a day to be appointed by his Lordship, as shortlie as maye be; against which day his Lordship is required to advertise

hether of the true state of the matter wherewith he is to be burdened, that uppon his apparence he may be delt withall as justice shall require.

p. 162. The authority of the Welsh Council.

To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales advertising them of the receipt of their letters of the third of this presente, reporting the order of the Lord Staffordes entrie into the Castell of Caurs, with their procedinges uppon the same; for answer where unto in parte the coppie of the Lord Staffordes letter written hether about the same is sent them hereinclosed, and for that the said Lord Stafford refused to make his apparence uppon her Majesties commandement sent from that Court by a Serjant at Armes, their Lordships do not allowe thereof, nether of the vouching of his entrie to be made by her Majesties commandement delivered by any of their Lordships; and therefore the said Lordes, aswell for justice' sake as for the better creditt of that Court, have straitelie commaunded the said Lord Stafford, in her Majesties name, to make his undelaied repaire thether, to acknowledge his errour in not appering as he was commanded, and to answer the matter otherwise, with such wittnesses as he can produce for the justifieng of his doinges, and then, after some ponishement appointed to him meete for his contempt, the said Vicepresident and Counsell are required to heare the cause with indifferency; and how soever the matter shall fall out against him, they be ordered to take bandes of him to her Majesties use to make his apparence here before their Lordships with all convenient spede, against which tyme they are required to informe their Lordships of the true state of the matter as it shall be proved before them, that thereuppon they may procede further according to justice.

To the Lord Stafford certifieng him that their Lordships have sene his letters written to therles of Sussex and Leicester towching his entrie made in the Castell of Caurs, and therewith seing an other letter likewise written for the Viceprisedent and Counsell of the Marches towching that matter, the coppie whereof is sent him hereinclosed, being

muche contrary to his, whereby without further profe their Lordships knowe [not] well what to think, muche lesse what to determyne; but for that the said Lord Stafford did not appere uppon the letters sent him from the said Courte with a Serjant at Armes, according as he was commanded, but answered the messinger that his entry was made into the said Castell according to her Majesties commandement delivered unto him by some of their Lordships, they can in no wise allowe of his doinges in that behalf, and therefore, aswell for satisfieng of justice as for the mayntenance of the creditt of that Courte, he is required to make his undelayed repaire unto the said Vicepresident and Counsell, and to acknowledge his errour in refusing to appere as aforesaid, and to stand to their order for his contempt, and then to answer the matter otherwise, with suche wittnesses as he can produce for the testifieng of the trouth; and thereuppon the said Vicepresident and Counsell p 163. are ordered to heare the matter with all indifferencie and certifie the trouth hether against he shall appere here, &c.

Grenewiche, the 12th of Aprill, 1578.

Sir John Killegrewe, knight, Michaell Threscher, William Rawlyns and Henrie Morgan made there apparaunce, accordinge to a bonde heretofore taken of the said Sir John Killegrewe to the same effecte. Appearance before the Clerk.

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Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Sir Christopher Hatton.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie in answer of his, advertisinge him that wheras he certified their Lordships that uppon the agrement betwene one Simondes and Henry Sackforde towching two flyboates, the said Simondes required The Admiralty Court.

to have them in his possession, that their Lordships (unles he shall knowe some cause to the contrarie), doe yeilde their consent herein, requiringe him to take bonde of thone and discharge thother.

An Oxfordshire culprit.

A letter to the Sherif of Oxforde requirenge him to cause one Thomas Shewell *alias* Cooke (whome the Lord Norreys of late had apprehended and committed to the gaile of Oxforde) to be sent upp unto their Lordships, willinge him that due regarde be had that he doe not escape nor have anye conference with any in his journey hitherwardes.

The fugitive Protestants.

A letter to the Maiour and Jurates of Rye that wheras their Lordships were enformed that the pore strangers beinge fledde for causes of Religion from the partes of beyonde the seas and remainynge in that towne, were not suffred to exercise the trades they were wonte to use for the maintenance of their livinges, their Lordships require p. 164. the said Maiour and Jurates of Rie that they would permitt them to use such trades and occupacions for their relief as they have accustomablie used, so longe as they shall not geve anye just occacion of mislikinge, and further behave them selves otherwise conformablie to her Majesties lawes; and in case they shall admit anye thinge contrarie to her Majesties lawes and benefit of that towne, then to advertise their Lordships therof together with the lawfull causes why they ought not to use those trades.

The Spanish Ambassador's servant.

A placarte requiringe that ——————, servant to Don Barnardo de Mendoza, Ambassadour to the King of Spaine, maye passe quietlie and be provided of post horses and shippinge, being sent with letters.

Grenewich, the xiiijth of Aprill, 1578.

Presentes:

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The charge of manslaughter.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmaye and the Master of the Rolles in answer of theirs, that wheras uppon the examinacion of the matter betwene Anthonie Kerle and Vaughan uppon such articles as they thought meete to be ministred unto the said Vaughan, their Lordships uppon perusing of them doe finde some of them to concerne the matter before the deathe of Kerle's sonne and some after, that therfore they would drawe out such and so manie of the said articles as concerne the matter in question before the deathe of Kerle's sonne and Vaughan's misdemeanours before and after the acte, omittinge to presse him with his othe in the rest which maie touche him in life and limme; and of their doinges and opinions herin to advertise their Lordships with speede convenient.

Imprisonment for debt.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer, Lord Chamberlaine, Master of the Rolles and Lord Chief Justice of the Common Plees that wheras Mr. Dr. Ateslowe, complainaunt, and Mr. Justice Southcotte, touchinge a certaine controversie betwene them for the bailinge of Thomas Bowes uppon an execucion for debte dewe to the said Doctor Ateslowe, imprisoned in the Fleete, beinge present before their Lordships referred the determinacion and compoundinge of the said controversie to the arbitrement of the abovenamed, that their Lordships would call the said parties before them and take such order therin as maye be agreable to lawe and justice.

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Execution for coining.

A letter to the Sherif of Norffolke that wheras one Eloye Minstrell, latelie condemned for false coyninge, and uppon appellation by him made of other offendours in the like facte was differred, unles he shalbe able to discover greater matter the said Sherif is required by their Lordships to see him executed according to justice.

A mad husband.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer, Lord Chamberlaine, Bishop of London and Sir Walter Mildmaye that wheras their Lordships, by a Supplicacion exhibited unto them by one Anne Nowell and by letter from the Commissioners for

Ecclesiasticall Causes, were advertised that John Nowell, husband to the said Anne, by reason that he was troubled with certaine fittes of frensie, wastfullie consumed his goodes and endangered the life of his said wife and children, and was for that cause by the Commissioners aforesaid restrained of his libertie; they are required in so much as their Lordships thincke it agreable with equitie that she might have some convenient porcion for the sustentacion of her and her children, especiallie her husbandes livinge cominge to him by the mariage of his said wife, to take such order therin as his goodes maie not be wastfullie spoyled, and bothe he and the rest be relieved without being put in danger of their lives or wantinge neadfull sustentacion for their relief, and of their doinges and opinions therin to advertise their Lordships.

The Spanish Agent in confinement.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Wilson and Sir Walter Mildmaye that wheras one Anthonie Guerras, beinge sequestred into the custodie of the Sheriffes of London, who, under pretence of serving as an Agent for the causes of the King of Spaine, was founde to have ben a dangerous practiser of sondrie thinges prejudiciall to her Majestie and thestate, and certaine letters of his written in ciphers and sithence desciphered; wheruppon their Lordships require that the[y] would call the said partie before them and diligentlie to examine him uppon certaine pointes of the sayd letter, what his meaninge was by them, and of their doinges to advertise their Lordships with speede convenient; in the meane time geving order for the safe keping of him as he was before till further order shalbe taken by their Lordships.

p. 166. 14 of Aprill, 1578.

A Western dispute.

The same day, appon the hearing of a certen matter in controversie betwene Sir John Killigrew, knight, and Ambrose Digby, esquire, Viceadmirall of the county of the Cornwall, appon mocion made by their Lordships unto them that all such controversies and causes that were betwene

them shold be compromitted to the hearing and determinacion of the Erle of Bedford, and they to stand to such arbitrement, awarde and end as his Lordship shold make therin; the sayd Sir John Killigrew and Ambrose Digby voluntarily submytted them selves and gave their assentes therto, wheruppon they were both enjoyned to kepe her Majesties peace for them selves and others against eche other; and further acknowledged before the Lord Keper and the rest of the Lordes then present to stand bound to eche other in the sum of two thousand marckes to kepe her Majesties pece as is aforesaid, and to abide and performe such end and order as the said Erle of Bedford shold mak betwene them, and to that effect their Lordships were contented to write their letters to his Lordship, requireng him to take sum paines therin; and therappon both the said Sir John Killigrewe and Ambrose Digby were commaunded quietly to repaire here, and give their attendance for this purpose appon his Lordship the first day of the month July next ensuing, without fayling therin, onles eyther by her Majesties or their Lordships' especiall order they shalbe directed otherwise, they there to attend his Lordship's order, and not to depart without his Lordship's leave till the said controversie shalbe determined betwene them; and if it shall so happen that they or ether of them shalbe so employed, as is aforesaid, then the hering of the said matter by the said Erle to be deferred untill soche time as the said Erle of Bedford shall apoint unto them; for the better performance wherof the said Sir John Killigrew and Ambrose Digby have sett ther handes to this order the yere and day above written.

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Present:

Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Warwicke.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Sir W. Drury. A letter to Sir William Drurie, according to the minute remaininge in the Counsell Chest.

A coiner's property. A letter to the Lord Darcye in aunswer of his of the 13th of this present advertisinge their Lordships of the examinacions by him taken of of (*sic*) them of Browninge's house, what order he had taken for the forthcoming of his goodes; for the preservinge and forth coming wherof his Lordship is required to appoint some honest person neare to the said place to take charge therof; and for such seasures as are pretended by the Bailye of the Dutchie, the Lord Morley and Mr. Darcie and others for claiminge of rent and destraininge of cattell, being none of his owne, his Lordship is further required in their Lordships' names to require the parties to forbeare further dealinge therin for a small time till it shall appeare how the matter will faull out, and untill his Lordship shall receave other worde from their Lordships; and for the geldinges of Browninge and Goodwin brought backe to his Lordship's house, the same either to remaine there (if it seme good to his Lordship) or els to be committed to the charge of the person who shall have the rest of the goodes in his custodie as aforesaid.

The custody of York Castle. A letter to the Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Plees and Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall, or any three of them, that wheras there is some controversie for the kepinge of the Castell and Gaile of the cite of Yorke betwene Piers Pennant, one of her Highnes' Gentlemen Ushers, who pretendeth a graunt of that office by her Majesties Letters Patentes, and Sir William Fairffax, knight, who uppon pretence of being High Sheriff for the time of the countie of Yorke, hath of late empeached the said Pennant and his deputie in the exercise of the said office; they are required, insomuch as the said Pennant cannot to (*sic*) followe the lawe by reason of his continuall attendance about the service of her Majesties person, uppon the perusing of his Letters Patentes and such informacions as he shall deliver unto them in that behalf, to sende their opinions unto their Lordships touching the validitie of the grant

aforesaid, and what order they thincke meete to be taken betwene the said Pennant and the Sheriffes for the time being for both their satisfaccions and discharges, that theruppon their Lordships, [etc.].

A placarte on the behalf of one Claudius Crosse, a merchaunt strainger, to permitt him to make shewe of a curious pece of worke of a rocke or mountaine of silver and golde, which he brought out of Germanye, from the time of the date herof untill the Feast of the Nativitie of Our Lorde next ensuinge, without anye unlawfull empeachment to be done or suffered to be done unto him or his deputy or to them that require to come to see the same; provided that in the resorte to see the said worke no disorder or anye other thinge be done to offence or breache of lawe, and that hereafter anye lawfull cause of sicknes doe not ensue to restraine the same. p. 168. Licence for an exhibition.

A warrant to the Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber to paye unto Christofer Harreys, gentleman, and iiij other of the Erle of Bedfordes servauntes for their charges in bringinge uppe two prisoners for whose sendinge hither ther Lordships wrote their letters to the said Erle of Bedforde, the somme of twelve poundes. Conveyance of prisoners.

* 19 *Aprilis*, 1578.

To the Bishop of Bathe that where one Wolfalle, a minister placed in some lyving within his Diocesse, is thought meet and is contented to go in the voiage with Mr. Furbusher and his company towardes the Northewest, their Lordships do desier in the respect of the necessitie that such a companie should be exercised in Religion, that the said Lord Bishop will take order that, leaving a sufficient substitute, he may enjoye the benefitt of the said living during his absence in that service. A chaplain for Frobisher's expedition.

* The date is given in the margin.

The Stewardship of Tamworth.

A letter to Mr. Humfrey Ferrers, esquire, to forbeare to deale in the office of Stewardshipp of the towne of Tamworth till the matter shalbe determyned touching the contraversie betwixt Sir William Devereux and him; that he also make his apparence as sone as he maie, and to bring with him his patentes and such other matter by which he claymeth the said Stewardshipp.

p. 169. * The 20 of Aprill, 1578.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daie John Gascoyne of Gosporte in the countie of Southampton, butcher, beinge bounde by recognisaunce before Sir Henry Ratclif, knight, to make his apparence here before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell at this day, hathe here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, and is commanded hereby not to departe from hence untill he shall be thereunto licensed by the said Lordes of the Counsell, uppon payne of forfeiture of the said obligacion.

Grenewich, 27 Aprill, 1578.

Present:

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A useful invention.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London willinge him to call before him such brewers and others of that Citie as put in practise the devise of the two strangers for the sparinge of wood, &c., accordinge to the minute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

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* The date is given in the margin.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde touching the order taken by their Lordships for the ending of the controversie betwene Sir John Killegrewe, knight, and Ambrose Digbie esquier, referring the same to his Lordship, &c., according to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chest. Sir J. Killigrew and Ambrose Digby.

A letter to the Lord Wentworthe, Mr. Threasurer, Mr. Comptroller and the rest of the Commissioners heretofore apointed for fellons, &c., requiringe them according to a Commission longe since addressed unto them for the examining and repressinge of certaine lewde persones committinge sondrie disorders in and about the Citie of London, which now begin to increase againe by reason of their intermission of meetinge together oftener then heretofore; that therfore they are required to meete together for the better proceeding in the said Commission for the apprehendinge and punishinge of such offendours as by their said Commission they may enquere of. Disorders in the City and in the country.

Six letters to the Justices of the Assises, three others to the Lordes Chief Justices of bothe Benches and to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace in the countie of Middlesex, that hereafter they take order [to] admonishe the Sheriffs and Justices of Peace in their Circuites to take bandes of more sufficient suerties for fellons, &c., then heretofore they have done.

A warraunt to the Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber to paye unto the bearer therof the summe of xx^{li} in the behalf of two messengers sent by order given by her Majestie to the Lord Cobham, thone to Roane in Fraunce, thother to Gravelinge in the Lowe Countreyes. p. 170. Foreign messengers.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London that no idle beggers and vagaboundes be tolerated to abide within the said Citie and to beg in the streates, advertisinge him also that their Lordships, to thintent they maie also be voyded out of the Liberties therto adjoyninge, have taken the like orders with the Justices of Peace in the countie of Middlesex and with the officers of the places and Liberties adjoyninge unto the said Citie. Beggars and vagabonds in London.

A suspected coiner.

A letter to the Lord President of the Northe requiringe his Lordship to sende certaine speciall persones of trust and honestie to repair to the dwellinge place of one Hall, who is said to dwell besides an Hospitall in Newcastell, beinge vehementlie suspected of false coyninge uppon the examinacion of certaine persones apprehended here uppon suspicion of having intermedled with those kinde of dealinges, and to examine him uppon the contentes of the examinacion inclosed, and to serche his howse for the stampes mentioned therin and such other instrumentes and stuffe therunto belonginge; and them with the parties culpable or suspected to have in safe custodie till he shall heare further from their Lordships, and of his doinges herin to advertise them.

Provisions for Waterford.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Irelande for the orderinge of the proporcion of victualls left in the towne of Waterforde by James Brincklowe, his servaunt, according to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chest.

A brother's indiscretion.

To Sir Richard Rogers, knight, that where his brother Frauncis Rogers was a good while since sent for to make his apperence before the Lordes to answer certeine misdemeanours wherewith he was charged, uppon informacion that he had bene in the meane tyme received and interteyned in the house of the said Sir Richard Rogers, he was therefore reprehended, admonished to use himself better in those cases hereafter, and willed to procure his brother Frauncis' apparence with as muche spede as he can.

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A letter to Nicholas Turbervile, Shreif of the countie of Dorset, uppon the causes aforesaid to send upp Frauncis Rogers, and though it may be that he be well affected to him in frendshipp, yet in this case it is looked that he should preferre the doing of his dutie before any privatt affection.

A summons.

To Mr. Harry Howard, sonne to the Vicecount Bindon, that he make his apparence before their Lordships as sone as he convenientlie may.

Generall letters throughout all sheres of the realme, and to bothe the Presidentes, towching the Musters of the trayned soldiours, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. The Musters.

To Sir Robert Cunstable, Marshall of Berwick, in answer of his, that where he desired to knowe whether the allowaunce appointed by the order of the towne to the Surveiour of the Workes when the workes should rise to a certeine rate, should be paid either to Mr. Selby and Vernon, that weare by the Lordes appointed to have the oversight of the wourkes, or to Rowland Johnson that of late had bene Surveiour; their Lordships do appoint that the paiement should be made to Selby and Vernon, and not to Johnson, whose labour in that case had not bene used, and is willed to give order for it. The works at Berwick.

To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales that where John Russell, Shreif of the countie of Worcester, being sent for by them, refused to appear uppon pretence that he was sent for by their Lordships; albeit they liked not (in respecte of the creditt of that Court) his excuse made in that sort, yett uppon the acknowledging of his falt here and his promise to submitte himself to do the like before them, their Lordships do desier that when he shall appeare and submitt himself accordinglie, that after some grave admonition given him to dismisse him without furder punishement. The authority of the Welsh Council.

To the Bishop of London and the rest of the Commissioners for Ecclesiasticall Causes with certeine examinacions inclosed sent to the Lord Threasurer from the Vicechauncellour of Cambrige, by which is discovered certeine lewde practises against the present state of Religion; they are required ether of them selfes to give some order to the Vicechauncellour and such others as they shall think meete in what sort they shall procede aswell against these as against any other that shall be towched, or if nede shall be to have the assistance of their Lordships, they offer the same as upon significacion nede shall requier; they be willed Popery at Cambridge. p. 172.

to give order for the apprehencion of Price and Mayne conteyned in the said examinacions, and to imparte their doinges to the Bishop of Lincoln, as one that uppon sundrie occasions may serve their turne as this case may falle out.

Disorder in the City.

To the Lord Chefe Justice and the Master of the Rolles that where sundrie fraies and fightinges are dailie made in and about the Cittie of London, and great bandinges and parte takinges are dailie used even in the face of their owne lodginges in Fleete Strete, flocking togethers with their weapons prepared for the purpose, they be earnestlie required, as a matter properlie belonging to the Lord Chefe Justice to see to the observacion of her Majesties peace, to apprehend the principall offendours and severelie to see them ponished; and where any shall be found to be followed with greter nombers then is convenient, they be required to take order, not onelie by admonition that it may be reformed but also by good bondes to her Majesties use that it may be performed accordinglie, and that none be suffered to use any armour or weapons but such as shall be fitt for men that be inclined to kepe her Majesties peace, and where nede shall requier their Lordships offer to give such aide as shall be requisite.

Uttering counterfeit coins.

To the Maiour of Norwiche and his bretheren towching Oswald Bluett, imprisoned for uttering of counterfect coyne before her Majesties reigne; they are willed to make the Justices of the Assises privie to it when they come in their Circuite, and in the meane tyme to baile the partie.

The last of Aprell.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daie Rafe Leaver, Prebendarie of the Cathedral Church of Durham, being comaunded by the Lord President of the North to make his apparance before the Lordes of her Majesties Counsell, hath appered accordinglie, and ther-

uppon is injoyned to give his attendance till he shall be dischardged by my said Lordes.

Primo Maij, 1578, at Grenewich. p. 173.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Abuses of the posting system.

This daie, uppon informacion geven by Thomas Randolphe, esquire, Master of her Majesties Postes, of the greate greevances and injuries don unto the townes and villages betwixt London and Barwicke by the meanes of the greate numbers that nowe ordinarilie ride that waye in poste, some of their horses being killed and spoiled, some others verie evell payed, and diverse tymes the constables and other officers threatened and verie evell intreated; their Lordships being informed that the like is don uppon the like occacion in sundrye other partes of the realme, it was therfore ordered that from hencefourthe noe Letters of Comission to ride in poste shoulde be written to be subscribed by any of their Lordships unles the same were first moved at the Councell Table, or directed by the Secretarye for causes properlye appertaining to her Majesties service, and the Clarkes of her Majesties Councell were straightlie enjoyned to observe the same accordinglye.

Quarto Maij, 1578, Grenewiche.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A widow's complaint.

A letter to the Lord President in the Northe that where their hathe ben exhibited unto the Queenes Majestie a

peticion by one Elizabethe Scotte, wydowe, againste one Christofer Kirbride of Carlisle, complaining of diverse injuries don unto her by the said Kirbride, contrary to orders decreed against him aswell in that Courte as in her Majesties Courte of Requestes; her Majestie pittifullie tendering her cause, their Lordships doe require him to call the said Kirbride before him and to charge him with the contentes of the said peticion, and yf it shall appeare her informacion to be true, then to take order that not onlie such satisfaction be made unto her by the said Kirbride as shalbe agreable with justice and equitie, but also to committe him to prison till he shalbe contented to enter into bande that he shall not any further unjustlie moleste her hereafter.

A charge of conjuration.

A letter to the Lord Buckhurst and the Recorder of London, sending unto them the confession of one Richard Calton, latelie executed for a robbery, wherein is contained matter against one Tree, Bailif of Lewes, and one Smith of Chinting, in the county of Sussex, for practising of conjuracion; forasmuch as the said Tree and Smithe are within his jurisdiccion of Lewes, he is required to take suche ende as he shall thinck mete for the searching of the howses and examining of the said two personnes uppon the cheife pointes of the said Comission, and as he shall finde them to be towched so to committe them, and to certifie their Lordships what he shall finde; and for the Vicar of Islington, Mr. Recorder is required to take the like order.

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Renewal of the Commissions for restricting the transport of provisions.

To the Lord Keper that where heretofore the order taken for the appointing of Commissioners against Transportacion of Graine and Victells in sundrie counties in this realme hath very much benefited and prevailed to the commen welthe, and that the tyme of the said Commissioners is nowe expired, his Lordship is required to direct out newe Commissions for that purpose, with such Commissioners as are nominated in a scedule hereinclosed, and to send the same forthe into all places where heretofore it hath bene

accustumed to have the like, according to the direction in the said scedule.

To the Bishop of Exon that where their Lordships have bene informed by persons of good creditt that in the Felloweship of Exceter Colledge in Oxon there are diverse of them very evell and obstinatlie affected against the present state of Religion established in this realme, and that the said Colledge is a great receptacle of diverse other persons of very evell disposicion, which is very dangerous to be suffered in this tyme of governement; his Lordship is required, being Cheif Visitour of that House, to graunt forthe a Commission in due forme to Doctour Cole, Vicechauncellour of the Universitie, Doctour Humfrey, Doctour Westphaley (*sic*), Doctour James, Doctour Mathew, Doctour Squier and Doctour Fludd, Reader of the Lawe Lectour, or to any fower of them; the said Commission to be made in suche ample manner that they may have aucthoritie to visite from the highest to the lowest, and to displace and putt out of the House whome they shall think meete, and to reforme such abuses as they shall finde, according to the lawes of this realme; and that his Lordship do admonishe them ernestlie by his letters to take such care of their doinges herein as appertaineth and is expected of them by the special choice that is made of them, &c. Exeter College to be purged.

Quinto Maij, 1578.

This daye Roger Puttocke, of Farham in the countye of Southampton (comaunded from their Lordships of the Counsell to make his apparence before their Lordships to aunswere unto certen matters objected against him concerning the buyeng and conveying of certen goodes and merchandizes of one Petter Anime, a Frenche[man], spoyled by pyrates), hathe made his apparence, and for that their Lordships had no tyme to heare the mater, he is dismissed under his bande for his apparence againe the fourth daye of the next Terme. Pirate's plunder.

p. 175. * Grenewich, the xvijth daie of May.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroler.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A prisoner's property. To the Lord Darcy that where uppon the sending up of Browninge and his companions, their examinacion was referred to the Lord Cheif Justice and others, who thought it most agreable to lawe that they should stand at the next Assises to be holden in that countie, to be ordered according to justice, and there uppon the wief of Browninge makinge suite that her husband might be bailed, and we yelding unto it, so farre forthe as the Lord Cheif Justice should like of it; for so muche as the said Chefe Justice, uppon bandes (emonge other matters) that he should be answerable for all his goodes as the matter should falle out, hath putt him to baile, the Lord Darcy is willed uppon the repaire home of Browning to deliver unto his handes so muche of his goodes as remayneth unexpended uppon his necessarie charges, according to an inventorie that is thought to be therof taken by such as have bene putt in trust by the said Lord Darcy.

The City levies. To the Lord Maiour of the Cittie of London that where emonge the instruccions sent unto him for the trayning of soldiours in that Cittie, it is required that there should be, at the tymes of the said trayning certeine Justices of Peace then presente for the kepinge of the peace and good orders, and for so muche as the place appointed for the trayning of the said soldiours is at Milende Grene or in some other place without the Liberties of the Cittie, where none of the citezens have any aucthoritie as Justices of the Peace; it is therefore thought meet that the said Lord Maiour or the Maiour for the tyme being shall make choice of a convenient nomber of Aldermen meete for the purpose

* The names are given in the margin.

who by the aucthoritie of these letters shall from tyme to tyme repaire to the said Musters to see the peace and good order kept, according to the said instruccions, and to ponishe the offendours to the contrary. * Dutton.

To the Lieutenante of the Tower that where there remaineth prisoner under his charge one Blois *alias* Mantell, committed thether for the abusinge of her Majesties subjectes under the name of King Edward the vjth, he is ordered to remove him from thence unto the prison of the Marshalsey, and to deliver the prisoner and the letters written to the Keper of the Marshalsey for that purpose, that he may thereby receive him and use him as he is directed by the said letters. An impostor.

To the Knight Marshall or his Deputie in that office to receive of the Lieutenante of the Tower the body of one Blosse (*sic*) *alias* Mantell, and to kepe him in the said prison of the Marshalsey, without baile or mayneprise, until he shall receive ether letters or commandment from the Justices of thassises in the countie of Essex; uppon which letters or commaundement he is required to bring the prisoner before them at suche tyme and place as they shall appointe, and that the warrant or commandement of the said Justices of Assises shall be his sufficient discharge in that behalf.

To John Cobham, Thomas Randolph, Thomas Copinger, William Cromer, Thomas Clifford, esquiers, or any three of them, that where in the last Session of Parliament an Acte intituled "An Addicion unto the Former Actes for the Repairing of Highwaies," there was one speciall branche for the repairing of the usuall high way leading from the markett towne called Midleton, in the countie of Kent, to the ferry called the Kinges Ferry, which is so decaied that neither man nor beast is able to passe without great danger; and for so muche as the parishe where the same lieth is not able to repaire the same, it was made laufull by the said Statute that iij Justices of the Peace, whereof one to be of p. 176. A decayed highway in Kent.

* Original marginal note and bracket.

the Quorum, next inhabiting to the said towne of Midleton should resonablie assesse and taxe all the land occupiers within fower miles distant from the said ferry at their discrecions for the space of x yeres; and for as muche as the branche of the said Statute hath not hetherto bene putt in execucion, whereby the inconvenience doth yet remaine, and the well intended remedy taketh no place, their Lordships have thought good by these letters to sollicite the gentlemen aforesaid speciallie to take the same in hand, and by due consideracion of the Statute to putt the same in effect as apperteineth; and if any person shall obstinatlie refuse such order as yow shall take, yow shall do well to advertise their Lordships thereof, that thereuppon they may take order with them as the cause shall requier.

The Merchant Adventurers.

To the Governour and Societie of the Merchantes Adventurers to accepte Richard Martyne into the Fellowshipp of that Company, aswell for the better advancement of her Majesties service in the Lowe Cuntries wherein he is to be imploied presentlie, as for the good creditt and countenance of that Company by the admitting of him to it.

The xviijth of May, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Threasurer (*sic*).
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Comptroler (*sic*).
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

An enquiry.

To Mr. Justice Sothecott, Mr. Lieutenante of the Tower and the Judge of thadmiraltie, advertising them that their Lordships have called before them Rafe Redman, Anthony Story and Robert Reynoldes towched in certeine examinacions alledged against them by the procurement of Edward

Lughborowe, and for as muche as the said Redman, Story and Reynoldes alledge sundrie matters of excepcion against the parties sworne in the behalf of Mr. Morgan and Lughborowe, and pretend to have good matter for the clering of themselfes in that they be charged withall, therefore the said Redman and the rest are referred unto them to be examined uppon their othes, with suche profes and wittnesses as they be able to bring forthe in their behalfes; and that they do procede to the whole examinacion by calling all such persones before them as shall be produced for testifieng of the trouthe, and to signifie unto their Lordships what shall falle out thereuppon with as convenient spede as may be, reducing the differences betwixt them into as plaine and breif notes as they can, that thereuppon their Lordships, understanding the true state of the matter, may procede further as cause shall rêquier. p. 177.

The Spanish Agent.

To Mr. Bowyer, Shreif of London, that where the Quenes Majestie is informed of the sicknes of Antony Guerras, committed prisoner unto his keping, and of the straytenes of rome in his house, and himself also being not well at ease, is pleased for the better releif of the said Mr. Bowyer that the said Guerras shall be removed unto the howse and keping of Sir Rowland Heyward, knight, to whome there be letters written to receive him, and therefore at his will and good opportunitie he may cause him to be delivered into the handes of the said Mr. Heyward, and these letters to be his discharge in that behalf.

To Mr. Alderman Heyward that where Antony Guerras, being committed prisoner to the house of Mr. Bowyer, Shreif of London, and there fallen sick, and the said Shreif himself being not well in helthe, and his howse very straite of rome, the Quenes Majesties plesure is that the said Guerras be forthewith removed unto his house, and there to be kept under his charge without conference or intelligence of any, saving of such as shall be directed from their Lordships, and that he likewise take a boy to attend uppon the said

Guerras, and to kepe the said boy likewise from conference with any, saving with his master.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

To Sir Henry Ashley, Sir John Yong, &c., ——— that where a controversie hath longe depended betwixt the townes of Weymowth and Melcombe Regis in the countie of Dorset, and notwithstanding an Acte of Parliament to unite them in one Corporacion, and sundrie other meanes used for the compounding of their causes, their contencions do yet remayne undetermyned; albeit the towne of Weymowthe do pretend to have found out very aunciente recordes for the furtherance of their part by the judgement of lawe, yet, yelding rather to a frendlie ende, they submitt themselfes to tharbitrement of the gentlemen thereaboutes, and their Lordships, liking thereof, have made choice of the above named to heare bothe parties with all their profes, and thereuppon to agree them, or to certifie in whome the defalt is, with their opinions of the true state of the matter, that thereuppon they may procede further as cause shall requier.

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The same day in the afternone.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The manslaughter case.

Uppon a Supplicacion exhibited in the behalf of William Vaughan that was imprisoned at the suite of Kerle uppon presumpcion of conveyeng away a boy that had killed the sonne of the said Kerle, it was ordered that in respect of seinge to his owne affaires, and for the facte in the principall was founde but manslaughter, he should be delivered uppon his owne band of ij$^{c li}$ to be answerable to the lawes, and to do as muche as in him lieth for the apprehencion of that boy; and if he should flie from answeringe to the facte, or should be proved to releive his boy or otherwise to hold him in secrett, then the said

somme to be leavied of his goodes and cattells to her Majesties use; and that the Clerke of the Counsell should take his bandes accordinglie, and thereuppon to give order for his deliverance out of prison.

Release upon recognisance.

Uppon suite made in the behalf of Thomas Clymsoll of Clapham in Sussex, prisoner in the Marshalsey for the conveyeng over the seas of certeine persones ill affected to the presente state of this realme; for so muche as it appereth that he was but a servaunte, and hath bene imprisoned a good tyme, it was ordered that uppon his band, with suerties of ij$^{c\,li}$ for his good behaviour to her Majestie and the State for one whole yere, he should be sett at libertie.

The same day uppon motion made in the behalf of Charles Blakston and Michaell Kenyan, taken in Devon as persones runnynge beyond seas for some lewde practises, and thereuppon sent upp hether; for so muche as uppon their examinacion nor any other profe they are to be towched to have committed any notorious badd fact in prejudice of the State, nor that they weare accompted persons evell affected ether to Religion or to the State before they departed out of the realme, it was thought resonable and so ordered that uppon their owne bandes of xl^{li} a pece for their good behaviour to her Majestie and the State for one whole yere, they should be sett at libertie.

* Grenewich, the xixth daie of Maie, 1578. p. 179.

Present:

The Lord Threasurer.	The Lord of Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Therle of Arundell.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Therle of Leicestre.	

* The place of meeting is written in the margin.

Suspected persons.

To Sir Morrice Barkley and Sir John Horner, knightes, that where William Toste and Thomas Nashe weare apprehended and committed as prisoners in the countie of Somerset as companions in lewde demeanour with one Severyn Browne, * counterfecting to be a messinger, and thereby hath committed very dishonest partes in deceaving many of her Majesties subjectes; for so much as it hath not as yet bene complained of for any injuries committed by the said Toste and Nashe, they are willed to examyne them touching their voiage and fellowshipp with the said Browne, what was the cause and intent thereof, and what thinges hath bene don by them or by the said Browne (to their knowledge), and if uppon the said examinacions there shall falle out nothing worthie to towch them in lawe, then (if they can finde no other suerties) to take their owne bandes, one for thother, in xl^{li} a pece to her Majesties use for their good behaviour to her Majestie and the State for one whole yere, and so to dismisse them, with straite charge to make their spedy repaire home to the place of their abyding; and if uppon the said examinacion any matter shall fall out against Browne (as they are speciallie willed exactlie to deale with them in that behalf) then to advertise the Erle of Bedford thereof, by whose meanes the said Browne is now prisoner in the countie of Devon.

Robbery in Berks and Wilts.

To the Shreif of the countie of Berks to fetche and remove Thomas Cooke, committed prisoner to the Tower, apprehendid for a robery committed in that countie, to receive his triall there where the fact was don, signifieng unto him that * Dutton. letters be directed to the Lieutenante of the Tower to deliver him when he shall be sent for; he is charged to kepe him safelie till by the lawe he shall be delivered according to justice.

To the Lieutenante of the Tower to the same effect, and to deliver him accordinglie.

To Sir John Danvers to use his discrescion for the apprehencion of William Edwardes, William Marten and a third * Rafe. person, companions in sundry robberies, which do frequent the house of one William Broders, dwelling under the Forrest

* Original brackets and marginal notes.

of Brauden, in Wiltes, and also that one Griffith Williams, another of that nomber and company, doth serve Mr. Mody nere the same Forrest; he is required to use the assistance of her Majesties subjectes and officers suche as he shall thinke meete, to take them and to committ them to prison, and there to deteyne them without baile or mayneprise, but first to examyne them and to advertise their examinacions.

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Coining in Essex.

To the Lord Darcy and Edmond Parton, esquire, to serche the house of one Smithe of her Majesties Gard, dwelling besides Harwiche in Essex, suspected for coyning, for that about two yeres past he bought of one Eloy Mestrell, nowe convicted for false coyning, a presse and a stampe for dalers, for the which he paid x^{li}; they be required, with the serche of his house, to examine his people suspected, and according as matter shall falle out to take order for his forthecoming ether by imprisonement or by bande, according to the quallitie of his falt.

* Davy Atkinson.

* Allen Morgan.

To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales in answer of their's touching certeine persons detected as notorious fellons; they give them to witte of order taken for their apprehencion, and requier them to send the particuler causes wherewith they be to be charged to lay against them in case any of them be apprehended. With the said letter there is a forme howe to make their certificatt for General Musters, which, as they write, they had not before tyme. They be willed also to make certificatt of my Lord Staffordes entry into the Castle of Caurs.

Letter to the Welsh Council.

Grenewich, the xxth of May, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Therle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Threasurer.
Therle of Arundell.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* Original brackets and marginal notes.

A summons.

To John Croke, merchaunt of Sowthampton, that where he was sent for heretofore to answer a complaint against him by Thomas Thorney, and that he departed away before the cause was determyned, he is now eftsones commanded to make his repaier hether againe for the same matter with all convenient spede.

* Heyton.

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† Grenewich, the xxjth of Maie, 1578.

Present:

The Lord Threasurer.	The Lord of Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Therle of Leicester.	

Mr. Henry Howard.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete to receive Mr. Henry Howarde, esquire, into the Fleete, and to kepe him close prisoner till he shall receive further direction, the same growing upon a complaint of Sir Henry Asley's, knight, and some other misdemeanours knowne to some of my Lordes in particuler.

The Commission of the Peace.

To the Lord Keper that where there hath bene some complaintes made against Hugh Smithe by certain Justices in that countie of Somerset, his Lordship is desired to forbeare to putt the said Smithe in the Commission of the Peace as yet, till further triall be made whether he be a man worthie to be placed in the Commission of the Peace.

* Pedley

To the Sherif of the Countie of Somerset to take bandes of Hugh Smithe for his apparence here with as muche spede as may be to answer such causes as shall be objected against him at his cominge.

‡ Upon the othe of Richard Gromwel, servant to Mr. Hugh Smith, that he is and hath ben sick and kept his chamber vj wekes, this

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* Original brackets and marginal notes.

† The place of meeting is given in the margin.

‡ Subsequently added in the margin.

letter was revoked and a letter sent himselfe to make his apparence as sone as his helth will serve him.

To Doctour Dale and Doctour Lewes, with a book of complaintes against Sir John Perrott exhibited by one Richard Vaughan, that they shall examyne not onelie the particuler matters conteyned in the said booke, but of all other thinges that thone can object against thother, as well of factes as of speches, and to do it by othe, and to certifie what shall falle out with all expedicion. Sir John Perrot.

To the Knight Marshall or his Deputie for libertie of the prison to Richard Michelbourne, committed close prisoner thether by their Lordships' order, that he may goo abrode with his Keper to attend his busynes. The Marshalsea.

At Grenewiche, the 22 of May, 1578. p. 182.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

This day Richard Nashe, being committed prisoner to the Marshalsey for exhibiting of untrue complaintes against Sir John Perrott, knight, making his humble submission and acknowledging his falte, bothe to the Lordes of the Counsell and the said Sir John Perrott, was uppon his said submission ordered by the said Lords to be sett at libertie uppon his owne bande to be taken of him to her Majesties use in the somme of xl^{li} to be forthecoming at all tymes hereafter before the said Lordes, at such tyme and place as they shall appointe within the space of one moneth after warninge thereof to be left at his house in Carmarthen, and the said bandes being so taken of him he is discharged accordinglie. False accusations.

At Grenewiche, the xxiijth of Maye.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

* The letter delivered to Richard Gromwell that toke the othe concerning his sickness.

To Hughe Smithe, esquier, requiring him uppon the receipt hereof to make his apparence before their Lordships personallie, for such causes as shall be declared to him at his coming, and not faile hereof, all other excuses laide a part.

p. 183. Grenewich, the xxiiijth of Maie, 1578.

Present:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Therle of Leicester.	

A commercial case.

To the Commissioners for Causes of Assurances upon the complaint of Ipolito Bujamonte, the same complainte being sent with it; they be required to call the parties before them and to use all good meanes they can to ende it, or els to informe in whom the default is, with their opinions of the true state of the matter.

Lewd words.

To the Lieutenant of the Tower requirenge him to deliver unto the custodie and charge of the Warden of the Fleete one Robert Threele, beinge prisoner in the Tower for certaine lewde speaches uttered by him, together with a letter inclosed directed by their Lordships to the said Warden of the Fleete for that purpose.

To the Warden of the Fleete willinge him to receave into his custodie one Robert Threele, committed prisoner to the Tower for certaine lewde speaches by him uttered, and

* Original bracket and marginal note.

further to observe his conversacion and disposicion, for that it is not certainlye knowen whether the said speaches were uttered of infirmitie or of malice, and hereof to advertise their Lordships.

A letter to Sir John Hungerford, Sir Walter Hungerford, Sir Edward Wroughton, Sir Henry Sherington and John Ayre, Justices of Peace in the countye Wiltshire.

Grenewiche, the 27 of Maye, 1578. p. 184.

Present:

Therle of Warwicke.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Therle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.
Mr. Comptroller.	

The Welsh Council.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Wales on the behalf of one Kyste, Searcher of Milforde Haven, &c., accordinge to the minute remayninge in the Councell Chist (*sic*).

The Earl of Desmond.

To the Lord Chauncelour of Irelande on the behalf of Doctour Hectour, for restitucion to be made unto him by the Erle of Desmonde for certaine wares of his beinge in the said Erle's possession, &c., accordinge to the minute remayning in the Councell Chist or with Mr. Secretary.

A Durham Hospital.

To the Bishoppe of Dunelme and Justices of Assises of the said countie, whereas their Lordships were given to understand that sondrie fraudulent conveyances of the landes and other thinges appertaininge to the Hospitall of Sherborne House, in the county of Dunelm, were made about the beginning of her Majesties reigne by Anthonie Salvin, Master of the said Hospitall, for which cause her Majestie sithence, by her Letters Patentes, gave and confirmed to the said Hospitall all that in right to them appertained; forasmuch as nowe after the space of xix yeres divers sutes are commenced for sundrie leases and pencions so made

by the said Salvyn, they are therfore required to shewe their lawfull favour to Raphe Lever, who hath the charge of the said House, in suffering him to proceade eyther accordinge to the Common Lawe or otherwise, howsoever it shall be most convenient for him in the defence of the said causes and maintenance of the Hospitall aforesaid.

The Tower. To the Lieutenant of the Tower requiringe him to permit the wiffe of Marcell Goodwyn, prisoner under his charge, to have accesse to her husbande at convenient times till he shalbe directed to the contrarie from their Lordships.

p. 185. * Worseley. To Robert Gregorie that he forthwith make his apparaunce before their Lordships for justifyinge of the complaintes exhibited hertofore by him against Thomas Howarde, esquior (*sic*).

Lewd words. To the Lord Cobham that whereas one Robert Threell, gentleman, inhabitant in Hastinges or thereaboutes, was committed prisoner to the Tower of London for certaine lewde speaches uttered by him, being not certainlye knowen whether the same proceded of malice or some infirmitie, his Lordship is required for the understanding of the trothe to make choice of some meete gentlemen theraboutes to examine the conversacion of the man and his inclinacion to the State, and uppon retorne of their certificates to advertise their Lordships of the trothe; and further whether there be anye cause of displeasure or parcialitie betwixt the said Threll and his accusers, that thereuppon order maye be taken accordinglye.

A victim of the Inquisition. To the Lord Darcie that wheras the wiffe and children of one Roger Hankin, deceased, who heldé a certaine coppieholde of his Lordship, desire to have the same renewed at his Lordship's handes; in consideracion of their charges in redeminge their husbande and father, taken prisoner by the Inquisicion in Spaine, his Lordship is desired the rather at their Lordships' request to shew them such

* Original marginal note.

favour in the fine to be paid to his Lordship as reasonablye he maye, their case deserving to be pitifully considred of and relieved.

Grenewiche, the xxxth of Maye, 1578. p. 186.

Present:

Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Star Chamber in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Irelande in the behalf of Robert Kendall, advertisinge his Lordship of the receipt of his letters written to their Lordships in favour of the said Kendall, that he might obtaine of her Majestie a graunte duringe life of his office of Clerke of the Starre Chamber; touching the which his Lordship is advertised that albeit their Lordships thincke him sufficientlie provided for by a speciall article set downe in a Generall Instruccion signed by her Majestie and sent over by the Lord Chauncelour, that no Patentees holding anye office with in that lande should be displaced, but uppon manifest proofe of their ill behaviour in the same, notwithstandinge besides the said Instruccion, for that the said Kendall hath by so manye ben recommended from thence, his Lordship is required particularlie to have a speciall regarde to the said Kendall's continuance.

Landlord and tenant in London.

To the Master Warden and the (*sic*) of the Companie of the Grocers in London, that wheras Edward Atkinson, one of her Majesties servantes, havinge for the space of xl yeres dwelt in a house belonginge to their Companye, in repairinge and newe buildinge wherof he hath ben and is at great charges, they are required in so much as he is

lothe to be dispossed (*sic*) therof, to graunt unto him such a further terme of yeres in the said house as he maye reasonablie like of.

Grenewiche, the last of May, 1578.

Present:

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Erle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.
Erle of Leycester.	

p. 187. Irish matters. A letter to the Lord Deputie of Irelande to proceade against the invasion of Stukeleye, &c., acordinge to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chist.

A letter to the Lord Deputie, sent by the Lord Chauncelour of Irelande, advertisinge of certaine her Majesties resolucions, &c., accordinge to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chist.

A placarte for ———— dispatched into Irelande for her Majesties affaires, to see him provided of able post horses for him self and his guide, and further of convenient shippinge at the sea side.

Quarter Sessions in Cheshire. A letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countie of Chester that wheras the Quarter Sessions in that countie have hertofore ben often kept in village townes far distant from the common gaile, and wantinge convenient harbour and interteinment for such as repaire thither, they are required to holde their said Quarter Sessions at Chester and Nantwiche onlye, unles it be uppon occacion of sickenes, and to advise amonge themselves of some order to be by them observed therin hereafter.

A poor debtor. To the Commissioners for the Prisoners in the Kinges Benche touchinge Giles Hoffnagle, stranger, prisoner in the

Kinges Benche, recommended to their Lordships by Don Barnardino de Mendoza, Ambassadour for the Kinge of Spaine, requiringe them to advertise their Lordships of their proceadinges for compounding the matters betwene him and his creditours, and what the cause is that no ende could be made and that he is so longe imprisoned.

Grenewiche, the first of June, 1578. p. 183.

Present:

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.

Henry Howard.

This daie Henrie Howard, esquire, latelie committed close prisoner to the Fleete, was upon his humble submission ordered to be set at libertie, and letters were writen to the Wardeine of the Fleete accordinglie.

The Star Chamber.

A letter to Mr. Attorneye Generall advertisinge him that wheras a Supplicacion was exhibited unto their Lordships contayninge very foule matter against one Miles Lakyn, their Lordships thought convenient to refer the matter to the Lord Wentworthe, Mr. Chauncelour of thexchequier, Mr. Justices Manhood (*sic*) and Mounson; in so much as uppon retorne of their certificate (which their Lordships also sent herewith) the said Lakin's lewdnes is founde to be such as deserveth open punishment, their Lordships thincke good to have the matter brought into the Starre Chamber, there to be ordered according to justice, and therfore require him, uppon perusinge of the parcells inclosed, to exhibite such informacion against him at the next Star Chamber daye as shalbe by him thought convenient, and to that intent to signifie to the Warden of the Fleete, where he is prisoner, that he maye be there at the time appointed.

The cloth trade.

To Sir Walter Hungerforde, Sir John Thinne and Sir Henrye Sherington, advertisinge them of their Lordships' letters at severall times sent unto them in the behalf of Peter Blackborue, who notwithstandinge informeth their Lordships that albeit they had opened and red the said letters, yet accomplished not the contentes therof, but delivered them to him backe againe; although their Lordships marvaile that they retorned no aunswer unto their said letters, yet for that it maye be that eyther the partie
p. 189. delivered not the letters unto them orels followed not his sute as he should have done, they are required uppon receipt and perusinge of their Lordships' said former letters, presentlye sent unto by one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, to advertise their Lordships particularlie what they have done, and to use the best meanes the[y] maie for some contribucion to be made unto him among the clothiers, or els to certifie their Lordships of the causes pretended to the contrarye, and by what other meanes they thincke his povertie maye be relieved.

The defences of Harwich.

A letter to the Lord Darcye that wheras sute hath ben made for the repairinge of the forte besides Harwich, being in decaye, and for the mountinge of the ordinance out of her Majesties store, his Lordship is required eyther him self or to appointe some other to repaire to the said forte, and to take a particular viewe therof, and of the peces of ordinance and other thinges there, and to consider of the charges; which if his Lordship shall thincke to be a place fitte to be maintayned, that then his Lordship would deale with them of the said towne what they could be contented to contribute therunto; and in case that her Majestie maye be induced to beare the charges of the reparacions and supplies therof, whether they could not be contented at their owne charges herafter to looke unto, maintaine and supplie the wantes of the same peces of ordinance, &c.; and what his Lordship shall have done herin and of their aunswer herunto to advertise their Lordships.

To the Lord Maiour of London to licence one Gherarde Bellemans, a stranger, to make shewe within that Citie of a certaine devise which he of late brought over, that the resorte unto him be in orderly maner, referring it to his Lordship to restraine him uppon occacion of spreadinge of the sicknes in the Citye. An exhibition in the City.

The seconde of June, 1578.

An order sett downe by Mr. Vicechamberlaine betwene William Fortescue, gentleman, and Thomas Browne, her Majesties servaunte, concerning a controversye betwene them for a howse, Mr. Vicechamberlaine being thereunto appointed by the Lordes of the Councell, which order is as followeth subscribed with bothe the parties' handes: A dispute as to a house.

Firste, it was ordered that, &c. (*sic*).

Grenewiche, the v^th^ of June, 1578. p. 190.

The presence:

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

An open letter for thassistance of proces out of the Court of Depredacions uppon the complaint of John Marshall and William Lucas, merchantes and citezens of London, against John Heuson, Roberte Jordan and Humfrey Venables of the towne of Harford West. The Court of Depredations and Court of the Admiralty.

The like for assistance of a Commission out of the Court of thadmiraltie upon the complaint of Symon Knight, in the behalf of himself and others against certeine pirattes belonging to the realme of Scotland.

To Mr. Serjant Anderson, Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall to certifie what they have done in the cause com- The Queen's Printer.

mitted unto them by former letters towching the contraversie betwene the Quenes Majesties Printer and the rest of the printers of the Cittie of London.

Philip Sidney. To Mr. Phillipp Sydney that where her Majestie intendeth forthewith to sett certeine of her shippes to the seas wherin his service is to be used, he is therefore required immediatlie to make his repaire to the Court with all expedicion, to receive such charge as shall be committed unto him in that behalf.

The like letters to Mr. John Hawkins, Threasurer of her Majesties Navie, the Lord Henry Seymour, Mr. Henry Palmer and Mr. William Gorge.

Soldiers for Ireland. To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Walles to putt in a readynes with all spede, within South Walles and Northe Wales, one thowsand soldiours to be sent

* Feyton. into the realme of Ireland for her Majesties service there, with all their furniture and provision in such sorte as hath heretofore bene prescribed in that behalf, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

The like letters to the Shreif and Justices of Peace of the countie of Devon, the nomber of iiij^{c} men to be sent into Ireland in the like service.

* Waltho. And out of Cornewall the nomber of ij^{c} men. - - - - - } for the like service according to the said minute.
And out of Dorset the nomber of c men. - - - - - }
And out of Somerset the nomber of iij^{c} men. - - - - - }

p. 191. To the Maiour of Bristowe to make spedy provision of good shipping for the transportacion from that porte unto Waterford in Irelande, for her Majesties service there, out of Dorset one hundred men, out of Somerset iij^{c} men and out of South Walles †———— ; and when he shall have intelli-

* Original marginal notes and bracket.
† Blank in the MS.

gence of the cominge of the said soldiours thether that he be ayding and assisting unto their Captens for the keping of the soldiours in good order, and that they may be provided of lodging and victells and all other necessaries for resonable prices.

The like letter to the Maiour of Barnstable for the provision of shipping there for the cc men out of Cornewall and iiij^{c} out of Devon, to be transported to Waterford in Ireland, and that he see them well used in all pointes as before.

The like letter to the Maiour of Chester for the provision of shipping for v^{c} men leavied in Northe Walles to be transported to Dublyn, and to be used and interteyned as aforesaid.

Notice to the Lord Treasurer and the Earl of Bedford.

To the Lord Threasurer that where the Quenes Majestie hath heretofore given order to him for the disburcing of certeine treasure towardes the charge and provision for such soldiours as weare appointed to be leavied in Walles and in the West Partes of this realme for her Majesties service in Ireland, they do advertise his Lordship first of their resolucion, howe and where the said soldiours be appointed to be leavied, and also to what portes they shall be sent to be imbarqued (viz^{t}); of the nomber of one thousand men to be leavied in Wales, they have appointed the said nomber to be devided in two partes (viz^{t}); out of Northe Walles and the sheires nigh adjoyning to the same the nomber of 400, to be sent unto Chester to be imbarqued for Dublyn, and out of Southe Wales vj^{c} to be sent to Bristoll to be imbarqued for Waterford; the 300 from Somerset and 100 from Dorset to be likewise sent to Bristoll to be likewise transported to Waterford; the 400 from Devon and ij^{c} from Cornwall to be sent to Barnestable to be imbarqued for Waterford, and that letters be written to the said Maiours to make provision of shipping for them accordingly; and that they think good that his Lordship should in every of the said severall places of Bristoll, Barnestable and

Chester appoint some trustie and skillfull persons to make provision of victells and shipping meete for the said nombers, and to repaie suche sommes of money as shall be layde out in every shere from whence the soldiours come for their coate and conduct money, by which meanes, if the service do goo forward as is appointed, there may be no occasion of hinderaunce.

p. 192. To the Erle of Bedford advertizing him that there are letters presentlie sent to the counties of Devon, Cornewall, Somerset and Dorset, for the putting in a readynes of such soldiours as have heretofore bene appointed for her Majesties service in Ireland by his Lordship's order in the xvjth yere of her Majesties reigne, when he was Lieutenante of those partes; his Lordship is nowe required, for that he is best acquainted with these matters and hath had the gretest charge thereof heretofore, to give all the furderance unto it nowe that he can, that it may take such effect as hath bene prescribed by her Majesties former letters; but his Lordship is not required to remove from the place where he noue is for the doing of this service, but onely by his good advice to make choice of meete persons to accomplishe the same, and so his Lordship is referred further to the Generall Letters written to the Justices of those severall counties to understand particulerly of the effect intended in this case.

Letters of thanks. To Sir John Gilbert, knight, giving him thankes for his great care and dilligence used in her Majesties service in that cuntry; he is desired to hold on and contynue that course of service still for the better advancement of the quiett and benefitt of his cuntrey, and in so doing their Lordships will have him in speciall remembrance uppon all oportunities offered to do him good; he is required to governe his doinges with secretnes and good discrescion.

The like letter to Frauncis Goodolphyn, esquier.

Lord Abergavenny. To the Lord of Burgeny that where a complainte hath bene exhibited against him by William Herden, gentleman,

one of her Majesties servauntes, declaring that his Lordship, contrary to a bill of articles and covenantes drawen betwixt him and the said Herden uppon a surrender made into his Lordship's handes of his lease of Albourne Parke in Sussex, the which being subscribed with his hand, he doth withhold from the peticioner cl^{li}, parcell of cc^{li} agreed uppon in tharticles; his Lordship is required ether to make him satisfaccion according to the agreament, or to certifie their Lordships some resonable cause why he doth it not.

*To Mr. Secretary Wylson.

To Hughe Smithe, esquire, in answer of one of his wherein he excuseth his non apparence through sicknes, their Lordships shewe to be contented in that respect to forbeare his apparence, but yet so as he is charged uppon his allegance all excuses sett a part, to appere before them the first day of Michelmas Terme next coming, and for that there be exhibited by Sir John Yong, knight, certeine articles that give notice of extreme mallice conceived against him and some practise tending to his annoyance, Mr. Smithe is in like sort charged that in this meane tyme till his apparence nether he nor any other belonging to him shall use any misdemeanour against Sir John Yong or any of his, ether in spec[h]es or by any other meanes; he is likewise putt in mynde to have good regard that he use no evill demeanour against any persons that he suspecteth that ether have or shall object or testifie any matter against him.

p. 193.

French depredations.

To the Master of the Rolles and the Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr. Egerton, merchant, where their Lordships be credibly informed that Richard Parker and Thomas Costerdyne, citezens and merchantes of the Cittie of London, have susteyned great losses on the seas by spoiles committed by the French, and after long and chargeable suite finding no restitucion, are for want fallen into great povertie, not able to paie their creditours, and neverthelesse are nowe readie to answer so muche as upon resonable consideracion of

* Original marginal note.

their abilities shall be thought sufficient; their Lordships pittieng their cases as of those of whome they have herde good report of their honest behaviour, do requier the said Commissioners to caule the creditours before them, and to use all good meanes to bring them to such resonable ende as he (*sic*) can bring them unto.

To the Lord Maiour of London to use all meanes he can for the apprehencion of one Arden, a gentleman, and Grene, his man, for a murder committed uppon one Ryve of the countie of Oxon; for that purpose he is willed to make a serche this night following through the Cittie and the suburbs of the same, speciallie in places most suspected.

* To my Lord Norrys' man.

* Delivered to Thorney himself.

To the Judge of thadmiraltie where he hath heretofore herd a contraversie betwene Croke of Southampton and Thorney of Portesmouthe, in which Thorney semed to think that he could informe and prove more of the trouthe on his parte then hetherto had bene herd; the Judge is required once more to calle bothe partes before him, and to use all good meanes to understand the very trouthe, and thereuppon to sett such ende betwixt them as may be agreable to justice.

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Unfounded charges.

This day by occasion of letters sent from the Judge of the Admiraltie that no matter was to be proved against George Grene, Richard Justice, Edward Pocock, Richard Cole, Roper Potock and John Grevell, called upp by the suite of Peter Anyme, it was ordered by Mr. Secretary Wilson that their bandes for that purpose should be delivered unto them and to be made voide.

† The 7 of June, 1578.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daie Roberte Gregory of Weymouthe being sent for by order from my Lordes of the Counsell to make his

* Original marginal notes and bracket.

† This date is given in the margin.

apparence here, hath now appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, and he is ordered not to departe untill my said Lordes shall licence him there unto.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland or to the Governour for the tyme being, touching the arrivall of Thomas Stukley to that realme sent by Mr. James Croft, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Stukeley's designs upon Ireland.

Grenewiche, the 8 of June, 1578.

Present:

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Both the Secretaries.

To the Deane and Maiour of Canterburie in aunswer of one of theirs touching one Edward Burnell, an Irishe man stayed by them, they be thancked for their diligence and discrecion, and are required forthwith to sende him to their Lordships with all his bookes and papers or what soever maye be gotten out by examinacion. An Irishman arrested.

Auditour Thompson this daie acknowledged before the Lord Threasurer to be indebted unto our Souveraigne Lady the Queen's Majestie in 500^{li} on condition that John Arden, gentleman, shalbe fourthecoming at anie tyme betwene this and the ende of this Terme to answere anie thing that maie be objected against him concerning the death of ——— Ryve. A recognisance.

To the Maiour of London and his bretheren towching the clene kepinge of the Cittie of London for the avoiding of the infection of the Plage, &c., according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. p. 195. The Plague in London.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower to sett at libertie George Boncer and Martha Howard, and for suche fees and dueties as he challengeth to belong unto him for Prisoners' fees in the Tower.

their imprisonment, seing it is said that he hath promised to stand to such order therein as the Lord Threasurer and Lord Chamberlen should take, which shall not be long, their Lordships wold uppon taking of such order see the same answered unto him accordinglie, and he in the meane tyme to discharge them, and this shall be his warrant.

The importation of Popish books.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower, Thomas Randolphe and Thomas Norton, that where by this inclosed letter and papers they shall perceyve that there is apprehended at Canterburie an Irishman named Edward Burnell, that hath brought into this realme sundrie books and munimentes of supersticion, contrarie to the presente state of Relligion established in this realme; forasmuche as it is thoughte meete that bothe the said Burnell at his bringing up and this whole cause shoulde be referred to their examinacions, they are required to consider of the said papers for the finding oute of all suche matter as is mentioned in the same, and cheifelie to learne what is become of a fardell appointed to be delivered at the howse of one Hitchcocke, at the signe of the Fryer at Billingsgate, out of the boate of one Cuppmaie, and thereof to advertise their Lordships with dilligence.

An arbitration.

A letter to John Maners, Thomas Markham, George Chaworth and John Mollineux, esquires, that where complaint hathe ben made by one Henry Sacheverell, gentleman, againste Sir Thomas Stannoppe, knight, for the wrongfull detayning of certen goods of his, as also of sundrye other injuries don unto him by the said Sir Thomas, the proof whereof is more aptelie to be made there then here before their Lordships; forasmuche as their Lordships are desirous to have some goode ende made thereof, which cannot well be don untill their causes maie effectually be examined, it is therefore thought good with consent of bothe the parties to make choyce of them foure, requiring them to call bothe parties before them with suche proofes as are to be pro-

*23 June, 1578. An other letter written to the same effecte, saving that Mr. Mollineux was lefte out of the same and Mr. John Byron is put in his place.

* Original marginal note.

duced for the testifyeng of the truthe on both sides, and there uppon to advertise their Lordships of the true estate of the controversies together withe their opinions of the particularities, that thereupon such furder order maie be taken therein as justice and equitie shall require.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower that where there remaineth under his charge in the Tower one Marcell Goodwyn, committed hether for the same cause that one John Browning was, towching the coyning of false money; forasmuche as Browning, that was the principall man that was more nerelie towched, was by order from the Lord Cheife Justice uppon suerties was (*sic*) delivered out of prison, their Lordships also thincke it meete that he be likewise enlarged, and doe require him to bring the said Goodwyn hether, and the suerties that are contented to be bounde for his personall apparence at the Assises next to be holden within the county of Essex, there to answere suche matter as shalbe objected againste him according to the due course of the lawe, whereuppon order is geven for his enlargement; and incase Eldrede, which was committed at the same tyme for the said offence, can bring like suerties to that effecte, to cause him to be discharged as thother shalbe, and this to be his warranty. p. 196. The imprisoned coiners and others in the Tower.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower that where their Lordships are geven to understande that the Master of the Rolles and others appointed Commissioners for matters in controversie betwene Anthony Bourne and Sir John Conway and others are on Frydaie next to sett uppon the said Commisson, whereat the said Bourne desirethe to be presente; he is required to informe himself from the Master of the Rolls of the tyme and place of their sitting in the said Commission, whether he maie carry the said Bourne to be in a readines to doe suche thinges as the said Commissioners shall require at his handes, and then to remayne under his charge as he did before till he shall receive furder order to the contrarye.

The state of Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Irelande that althoughe their Lordships verie latelye have written unto him at lenght (*sic*), touching her Majesties service and the good governement of that realme, yet having come to the sight of this inclosed * letter containing the pitteouse state of that parte of that countrye, and the moste part of the injuries don as it shoulde seeme by the disorder of the soldiers, and perticulerlie of those of the Marshall's bande, their Lordships have thought good to impart the same unto them, to thende that if the said complainte be in all pointes as it is informed their Lordships (*sic*) maie take care with all dilligence that the poore oppressed maie be satisfied and the th'offenders maie be punished according to their faltes; for her Majestie is perswaded that suche greavouse extorcions suffered uncorrected maketh our governement more hatefull to that nacion then the exactions of the Irisherie, the which they can many tymes and doe redresse or revenge them selves where these wronges cannot be refourmed but by authoritie from the Governour, and therefore doubte not but his Lordship will geve order herin as to justice appertainethe.

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Lord Threasurer.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Delegates to the Diet.

A letter to the Bishop of London, Bishop of Rochester, &c., that their Lordships having considered of thextraordinarie charges of those that are presentlie appoincted to repeire unto Germanie to the Diete, their Lordships finde among other thinges that their carriages (travelling still by wagon) will be greate hinderaunce unto them, their allowaunce being but xl^{s} by the daie; they are therefore re-

* The letter is not given.

† The date and names are given in the margin.

quired to take order that the charge of their said carriages maie be allowed unto them over and above their said diettes, to be payed according to their bills of accompte to be delivered unto them in that behalf; and for that they have severallie ben at charges in repeiring hether to attende her Majesties dispatche, it is thought mete that their dietes do begin from the xxvjth May inclusive, and the charge of their carriages from the day that they shall depart from the Courte.

Francis Tregian.

A letter to the Knight Mareschall or his Deputie that where Francis Tregion, close prisoner in the Mareschalsie, is by the Lord Cheife Justice permitted (for triall of the cause whereof he is indicted) to use thadvice of Mr. Sergeant Gawdie and Mr. Ploden, they are therefore required to permitte them to repeire unto him for that pourpose at such convenient tymes as he shall require them; and because for his better helthes sake he also desirethe to have tha[d]vice of some phisicion, they are also to suffer anye suche phisicion as he shall make choyce of to repeire unto him in their presence from tyme to tyme as he shall desire.

Frauds at Southampton.

A letter to the Maiour of Southampton requiring him to take good and sufficient bandes of Peter Jenverin and Thomas Berrye of that towne, accompted comon collorers of strangers' goods, for their present apparence here before their Lordships, and their bands so taken to her Majesties use to sende the same like wise hether unto their Honnours.

A case of slander.

A letter to Nicholas Turbervile that where in the controversie betwene Robert Gregory and Thomas Howarde Gregorie informethe that Mr. Howarde had heretofore seacretelie written a letter to Mr. George Trenchard, esquire, wherein was contained divers untrothes tending to the discreditte of the said Gregorye, whereunto Mr. Howarde shoulde also secretlie have subscribed the severall names of the Maiour and divers of the Aldermen and other inhabitauntes as thoughe the same had ben directed to him

from them, who (as Gregory affirmeth) did never condescende to anie suche thing, but still disallowe the same; for that their Lordships are desierouse to understande the truthe of this matter, and are geven to understande that he can informe them thereof, he is required fourthwith uppon the receipte hereof to advertise their Lordships as nere as he can what he hathe herde the contentes of the said letter were, by what persones it was subscribed, and whether he thincke or have probably harde that any letter (*sic*) of the said Maiour or other were subscribed to the said letter without the consent of the parties or noe, and therein neither to use delay or partiallitie, but simply and truly to declare how the matter was as he will continue the good opinion conceived of him.

p. 198. A letter unto George Trenchard, esquire, that where it is reported by Gregorie that Thomas Howard shoulde write unto him a letter containing divers untrue reportes tending to his greate discreaditte, whereunto the said Howarde shoulde seacretelie have subscribed the name of the Maiour and others of Weymouthe as thoughe the same had ben written by them unto him, which (as Gregory affirmethe) they flatlie denyed; for that their Lordships are desierous to understande the truthe thereof, he is required fourthwith uppon receipt hereof to sende unto their Lordships Mr. Howard's originall letter, if it be extant, or other wise trulie t'advertise their Lordships as nere as he can what were the contentes of the said letter, by what personnes it was subscribed, and whether he do thincke or have probably harde whether anie hands of the Maiour or other were subscribed to the said letter without the consent of the parties or noe, and in doing thereof to use noe partiallitie, &c.

A religious prisoner.

A letter to the Bishop of Winchester that their Lordships having seen his letter to Mr. Secretary Walsingham towching the evell behaviour of one Travers in matters of Relligion, uppon consideracion whereof and of his letter to Baggor of

Winchester, their Lordships have thought most convenient that he should be sent up to the Commissioners for the Ecclesiasticall Matters here, to be by them ordered according to lawe and justice, and therefore doe require him forthwith upon the receipt hereof to cause him to be sent up under the custodie of suche trustie persons as he shall thincke mete to have the charg of him, enforming the said Commissioners of suche things as he is to be charged withall, that they may proceade with him accordingly; and for that pourpose their Lordships returne unto him his letter, which may be shewed unto them for proofe of his lewde inclinacion to this presente estate; nevertheles, before he depart thence, for that he writethe that although he came not to the Protestantes churche, he is dilligently to be examined what the churche is whereunto he resorted, and what company and place, together with such circumstances as shalbe fitt to be understode in that case.

A warraunt to the Tresourer of the Chamber to pay unto Richard Kidde, for his charges and for hyring of post horses to bring one Richard Burnell from Caunterbury to the Coorte, the some of iiij^{li} xx^{s}. A messenger's charges.

At the Starre Chamber, 13 *Junij*, 1578. p. 199.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete for the releasing of Thomas Morrison, condemned in the Starre Chamber and pilloryed for extorcion; but before his releasment, with thadvise of Mr. Atturney Generall, to take good bandes of him for the restitucion of suche somes of money as he had receyved by waie of extorcion from the parties at whose suite he was condemned, and also to take good bandes of him for his good behaviour hereafter. The Pillory.

A letter to the Master of the Requestes, Lieutenante of the Tower, Mr. Cromley and Richard Younge, to heare and examyn certen causes in controversie betwene ——— Feake, prisoner in her Majesties Benche, and George Rotheram, A poor prisoner.

esquire, and thereuppon to bring them to some good composicion with the consent of bothe parties; which, if they shall not be able to doe, then to certifie in whome the defaulte is, that furder order may be taken therein by their Lordships, suche as shalbe agreeable with equitie and justice.

The mission to the Low Countries.

Two warrantes, the one for my Lord Cobham and the other for Mr. Secretarie Walsingham, for the taking uppe of cartes and horses for their carriages in their voiages to the Lowe Countries.

The Dutch in London.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Aldermen of London that where their Lordships are geven to understande that towards the late contribucion for the trayning of Shotte within the Cittie of London they have cessed all suche straungers, merchauntes and others within the Cittie, aswell those that are naturallized as the denaisons; forasmuche as the moste part of the not naturallized are of the Low Contryes [and] are in this troublesome tyme, besides their house keping, greately charged for the presente warres there, they are to forbeare to leavy towardes the said contribucion anie parte uppon those that are not denaisons, speciallie yf they be of the said Lowe Countryes, and yf before the receipt hereof they have received any parte of the said contribucion, they maie not faile to repaye the same againe unto them fourthwith, for suche is her Majesties pleasure.

Grenewich, *xv^to^ Junij*, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Raphe Sadler.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Norwich levies.

A letter to the Maiour and the reste of the Commissioners for the trayning of Shotte within the cittie and liberties of Norwich, giving them to understande that where they desiere

that the number of arquebuse shotte appointed to be trayned and continued within that cittie of Norwich and liberties might not be constrained at every tyme of meting to depart out of the city or the shire to intermeddle with their doinges; their Lordships are verie well contented, for p. 200.
that it is a county of yt self, to yelde unto their requestes; notwithstanding for their better direction they shall call unto them Sir Christofer Heydon, Sir William Buttes and Mr. Drue Drurye, whome for that pourpose they are to acquaint with this their Lordships' letters, willing them for better order of the trayning and other thinges appertaining thereunto, to followe altogether the instructions heretofore sent through the realme for that pourpose, as also their Lordships' last letters of the xxvijth of Aprill for the continuaunce of their said trayning of Shotte from yeare to yeare.

A placarde for John Robertson, John Ackman and Gilbert Douglas, merchauntes of Edinboroughe in Scotlande, to passe thether by the directe waye of Barwick without any lett or interruption. Passports for Scots.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde that where the[re] hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships a petition by one Farnaby, this bearer, against Sir John Killigrewe, knight; forasmuche as their Lordships appointed that the first daye of the next monethe unto the said Sir John and Digbye to be before him for the ordering of suche matters as were in controversie betwene them, their Lordships thincke that at the same tyme he maie convenientlie examyn this matter also; they have therefore thought good to desire him to take some paynes therein, and either to ende the matter betwene them as he shall thincke agreeable with justice, or els to certifie in whome the default is, that theruppon, &c. Western disputes.

A letter to therle of Warwicke that where their Lordships, finding by certificate from the Commissioners appointed by them in September last to survey the Castell of St. Androwes within the county of Southampton, comitted to the custodie of Symon Boyer, one of her Majesties ordinary St. Andrew's Castle on Southampton Water.

Gentlemen Ushers, that besides the decaies of the platformes, bridge and sea bancke, the carriages of the greate ordenance are in no case serviceable, and that the wantes of shotte, powder, ladells, sponges, bowes, arrowes, harquebuses, &c., are suche that without some presente supplie yt woulde be greatly unfitt for service; forasmuche as by conference with his Lordship it appereth that the proportion contayned in the scedule subscribed maie well be spared out of her Majesties store, althoughe it be not sufficient to supplie the necessitie of that fortresse, their Lordships have notwithstanding thought good, considering the necessitie thereof, to require him to give order that the said proportion maye be delivered unto the said Symon Boyer for the presente furnishing of the said Castell, and theis their Lordships' letters to be his sufficient discharge therefore.

p. 201. Municion delivered oute of her Majesties store unto Symon Bowyer (*sic*), esquire, for the furnishing of the Castell of St. Androwes in the county of Southampton.

Stockes and wheles for thiese peeces following:—

Culveringes	ij.
Demi culveringes	j.
Sacars	ij.
Fawcon	j.
Fauconettes	j, not serviceable, and therefore to be chainged.
Serpentyne powder	viij barrells.
Corne powder	ij barrels.
Culvering shot	j^{c}, ladells j, sponges j.
Demi culvering shott	j^{c}, ladells j, sponges ij.
Sacer shotte	j^{c}, ladells j, sponges ij.
Fawcon shott	j^{c}, ladells j, sponges ij.
Falconett shotte	j^{c}, demi ladells j, sponges ij.
Harquebuses	xx^{tie}, to be chainged, and to have a newe supplie of xx^{tie} more.

Flaskes and towche boxes to them.

A newe supplie of the parcels following:—

Bowes - - -	xx^tie.	Pikes - - -	xx^tie.
Shefes of arrowes -	xl^tie.	Bills - - -	xx^tie.

A placard to all officers requiring them to be ayding and assisting unto Simon Boyer, esquire, to see him provided from place to place of good and sufficient cartes and also horses for journey, and all other thinges necessarie for the better accomplishment of her Majesties service at prices reasonable, and thereof not to faile, &c.

Western disputes.

To the Erle of Bedford to take some paines to examine the matter betwene Henry Farnaby and Sir John Killigrewe, and ether to ende the same as his Lordship shall think agreable to justice, or els to advertise hether by his letters what he shall do therein, and in whome he shall finde the default, that thereuppon order may be taken by their Lordships accordinglie.

The poor debtors.

To the Lord Chefe Justice with a complaint inclosed exhibited by the Commissioners for the pore prisoners of the Kinges Benche, that whereas they have enformed their Lordships that in matters concerning the said Commission they have ben arrested into that Court by one Hugh Drewe, &c., they should send for both parties, and finding thinformacion trewe to give order that they be not inclosed for suche trifling causes herafter, or els command the parties to attend appon their Lordships to answer the matter here.

p. 202.

Lady Windsor's case.

To the Master of the Rolles with a petticion enclosed exhibited by the Lady Windesor, having latelie married one George Puttenham, from whome she is now devorced, in which matter he hath bene heretofore made acquainted; he is desired to consider and conferr with some of her Majesties lerned Counsell, or others lerned in the lawes, and thereuppon to retourne hether their opinions what may be done herein by their Lordships for the furtherance of justice and for the finall determinacion of this long contencion.

Scottish pirates.

A letter of assistance of processe out of the Courte of thadmiralty in the behalf of Arnold Johnson, William Myll, Richard Spark and Peter Silvestor, being latelie spoiled at the seas by certen Scotishe pirattes of their shippes and goodes; the direction to the Erle of Derby and other officers of the Isle of Man and to all Viceadmiralls, Justices, &c.

An Irish Victualler's account.

This daie uppon a peticion exhibited by Henry Sekford, esquire, one of her Majesties Privie Chamber, concerninge his accompt for the victuling of her Majesties garrison in Ireland, it was resolved and ordered that a letter should be written from their Lordships to the Lord Threasurer and Sir Walter Mildmay as followeth after, &c.—Whereas Henry Sekford, esquire, one of the Groomes of her Majesties Privie Chamber, hath exhibited a peticion unto us for certeine allowances which he demaundeth to be allowed by your Lordship uppon his accompt for the victuling of the garrisons in Ireland one yere ending at Michelmas the xvjth yere of her Majesties reigne, uppon some doubt moved by you whether any more allowance should be made to him but a fourthe penny, that is to allowe all his Irishe bills to be paid as sterling money; whereas he requireth a further allowance for a cesse of iiij^{m} beves accorded to him as he saieth, and whereof he showed two letters of ours, one to Sir William Fitzwilliams, then Lord Deputie, for mm, thother to the Erle of Essex for the other mm, at ix^{s} the beef, confessing the delivery of part and for the residue praieth allowaunce, protesting both great losses in that service and that his intencion never was in accepting that order for allowaunce of a fourthe peny to relinquish the benefitt of the said cesse beves; for as muche as we understand by him that you forbeare uppon the taking of his accompt the allowaunce of the said beves in respect that you find no certaine warrant that he ought to have bothe the fourthe peny and the beves also, and that without our opinions had of that allowaunce of cesse you meane not to yeld thereunto, we have thought good hereby to signifie

unto you that we think it resonable uppon his allegacions of his great charges, and for that it cannot be but that the victuling of so great a garrison with beves without ayde of cesse beves must nedes be of greater charge to him then by the fourthe peny allowed can be countervailed, considering he doth discharge her Majestie of all other charges, that he be allowed two partes of three of the said nomber of beves so demaunded by him, excepting suche nomber as it shall appere that he had delivered unto him by the said Deputie or Erle of Essex, that he may passe his accompt accordinglie; and so we bidd your Lordship hartelie farewell. p. 203.

From the Court at Grenewich, the xv^th^ of June, 1578.

* 16 June, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Stukeley's designs.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll and Sir Richarde Bartley that where their Lordships are geven to understande that two shippes of that cittie of Bristoll, namely, the Dominicke and the Dragon are loked for to arrive verie shortlie from Portingall, from whence divers uncerten bruites have ben brought and spred of preparacions that sholde be made in those partes for some enterprise to be attempted uppon the realm of Ireland by Stukeley; they are required that assoone as either of the said shippes, or bothe or any other, shall arrive at Bristoll, immediatlie to call before them the cheife merchauntes and personnes of best judgment that shall returne in her, and effectuallie to examyn them and everie of them of all suche occurrentes as they knowe or shall have learned to concerne any enterprise against this realme or any other part of her Majesties dominions, either

* The name and dates are given in the margin.

by the said Stukeley or any other, and what they shall finde by their examinacions to certifie their Lordships with all conveniente speede.

At Starre Chamber, 19 of June, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Ralphe Sadleir.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
Mr. Threasurer.	

A local enquiry.

A letter to to Sir John Horsey, knight, George Trenchard, John Stroude and Thomas Moreton, esquire, that where complainte hathe ben made unto their Lordships by Henry Howarde, esquire, againste Sir Henry Ashley, knight, concerning diverse matters in controversie betwene them, their Lordships having had bothe parties before them and hard their controversies so farre fourthe as their proves in justice coulde lead them, and finding that to confirme the allegacions on either side [no] suche proves coulde here be brought as in equitie are required, but that of necessitie they are to be made in that countye where they both reside; their Lordships have for that pourpose with consent of bothe parties made choyce of them foure, earnestlie requiring them to call bothe parties before them and to informe them selves particulerly of their griefes, which they shall the more aptelie doe by perusing the papers inclosed, containing the accusacions and answeres of the parties as also suche interrogatories as shalbe delivered by them unto them; upon which interrogatories they are required effectually to examyn suche proves and wittnes as are to be produced for the testifieng of the truthe on either parte, and thexaminacions so taken, together with their opinions of the matter, to sende hether unto their Lordships assone as they conveniently maye that thereupon their Lordships maie take suche order therein as shall stande with justice and equitye.

The xxijth of June, 1578. p. 204.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

Francis Tregian.

To Christofer Walker, Deputie to the Sherif of Cornewall, that where he is appointed to take charge of certen prisoners in the Kinges Benche to be safely conveyed into Cornwall to receive their triall there according to the due course of the lawes, he is also willed to take into his charge Frauncis Tregian, esquier, prisoner in the Marshalsey, and my Lordes' letters to the Knight Marshall or his Deputy for that purpose.

A letter to the Knight Marshall or his Deputie to the effecte aforesaid.

A Commission to the said Christofer Walker for the taking of horses for the carriage of the said prisoners, being ix in nomber, from place to place till they shall come to Cornewall.

The Stewardship of Tamworth.

To Mr. Humfrey Ferrers and Sir William Devereux, knight, to make their repaire hether by the xijth of July next, and to bring with them all suche writinges as ether of them have towching the controversie depending betwene them for the Stewardshipp of the towne of Tamworth.

Town and Gown at Oxford.

To the Lord Chefe Justice that where there hath certen controversies heretofore depended betwene the Universitie and the towne of Oxford, which their Lordships do intend to determyne and ende betwene them, and therefore have given commaundement to ether parte to surcesse any proceding in those controversies, ether directlie or indirectlie, tyll their Lordships have ended it, and that one Bennett, an inhabitant there, notwithstanding the said order, hath served certen writtes of execucion uppon one John Waight,

a privilidged man of the Universitie, the said writtes being retournable into the Kinges Benche; his Lordship is required that by this letter the Maiour there may be excused from any opinion of contempt for not executing the said writtes, and that Bennett may be commanded to deale no further therein untill their Lordships have ended the said controversies.

p. 205. Scottish claims. To the Bailifes of Ipswiche uppon the suite of Mr. Fullerton, Agent for the merchantes of Scotland, that where certen fells to the nomber of ix^{c}, taken by Phipson, a piratt, and come to the handes of one Fairewether from a merchant of Aberdyne, they be required to cause the said fells to be delivered, uppon profe of the proprietarie, unto the handes of Mr. Fullerton, or els to appere before the Master of the Requestes, the Judge of thadmiralty and the Master of the Rolles and other Commissioners for Causes of Scotland by a day to be appointed unto him, to declare for what cause he dothe deteyne them.

The xxiijth of June, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Lady Windsor's husband. A letter of assistance to all Maiours, Shrefes, Bailifes, &c., for the apprehending of George Puttenham, esquire, and John Cressett, his servante, and to cause them to be sent hether unto their Lordships under the charge of some honest persons to see that they do not escape but do make their apparence accordingly.

Cornish Papists. To Mr. Drewe, Clerke of the Assises in the West Cuntrey, advertising him that certen persones of that countrey that have bene here imprisoned for Papistrie, and are indited

of the *Premunire* in the countie of Cornewall, are now sent downe to receive their triall by lawe, and for that purpose he shall receve with this letter a bagg sealed with the Counsell Seale, with certeine evidences and other necessarie thinges to be given in evidenc against the said parties; he is willed to imparte the same to the Justices of thassises, so that they may be delivered to such as shall be appointed to be of her Majesties Counsell in those cases for an evidence against them.

Passports.

A pasporte for Gaspar de Camaro, Susan Symon and Jehan Rawmer, to passe home into their owne cuntreys by the way of Rye without any lett or impediement.

Durham Chapter estates.

To the Lord President of the Northe in the behalf of Nicholas Tailour, a pore tenant of the Deane and Chapiter of Durham, complayning that he can not be suffered to enjoy his tenemente in Cotes in the More, but is molested by John and Frauncis Pilkyngton; his Lordship is desired ether by his letters to the Bishop of Durham, or by calling the Prebendaries before him, to procure that the said pore man may not be dispossessed of his tenemente, but that he may enjoye the same according to a former order made uppon the like complaintes, and that if the pore man be not within the compasse of the said former order, yet, for chareties sake, he may be releived specially at their handes that make profession of Religion; or els to advertise their Lordships what he shall have done in this cause, with his opinion in the same, that thereuppon their Lordships may take further order as the cause requireth.

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The Derbyshire dispute.

To the Justices of thassises of the countie of Derbye advertising them that uppon the ending of some controversies by their Lordships betwene Sir John Zouche and Sir Thomas Stanhopp, it was then also ordered for the determinacion of all strifes that an inditement of riott found in that county against Sir John Zouche should be removed to the Quenes Benche and there traversed; and leste Sir John Zouche by forgetting the said order may attempt

to enter his traverse in that county, and so by Sir Thomas Stanhope's answering or not answering of it, there may growe some newe occasion of unkyndnes, their Lordships have thought meet for the contynuing of quietnes betwene them to desier the said Justices to take speciall care that there be no such traverse entered in that countie, but that it may be done in the Quenes Benche according to the former order, and for that purpose letters are written to Sir John Zouche accordingly.

To Sir John Zouche, knight, putting him in remembrance of the former order towchinge the traverse of the matter betwene Sir Thomas Stanhopp and him, to have the same entered in no other place but in the Quenes Benche, according to their Lordships' order taken in that behalf and for the better quietnes and agrement betwene them.

Sir John Perrot.

This daie Thomas Weriet, being imprisoned by the Master of Requestes for delivering a verie sclanderouse bill to the Quenes Majestie against Sir John Perrot, the which upon examinacion he was not able to prove, was againe by their Lordships committed to prison in the Marshalsey, with order to remaine there till he shoulde finde good and sufficient surties in 200*li*, and himself in 500*li*, to be bounde to answere the said Sir John in such action of the case as he should bring against the said Werriet.

The same daye also Richard Vaughan of Whiteland was committed prisoner to the Marshalsey for exhibiting like sclanderous bills against the said Sir John Perrott, aswell to the Quenes Majestie as to the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell, &c., there to remayne till their Lordships should take further order for his delivery.

Release on bail.

This daie Roberte Threele, comitted to the Tower for certen lewde speches, was brought before their Lordships, and for so muche as by sundrie examinacions it appered to their Lordships that the said wordes weare spoken rather uppon some infirmitie then for any malicious meaning, it was ordered that uppon his owne bandes of v^c*li* for his good

behaviour to her Majestie and the State and for his apparence when he shall be called, he should be sett at libertie; and uppon the said bandes taken Mr. Secretary Wilson gave order to the Lieutenantes servaunte for his deliverance.

A letter to the Bishops of London, Sarum, Rochester, Deane of Westminster, to answer to Dr. Humfrye, Dr. Still and others, Commissioners hertofore apointed for Germany (who her Majesty for certen good causes hath stayed), the sum of xx^{s} *per diem*, or somuch as they shall think convenient for soch charges as they have ben at for preparing them selves and attending here, to begin from the 26 of May inclusive to the xxiijth of June also inclusive, to be taken of soch money as was apointed to be gathered of the clergy for that purpose. Clerical delegates.

(*Pp.* 207, 208, 209, *and* 210, *are left blank in the MS., except that on p.* 207 *are the words "turned over" in a contemporary hand, and that p.* 209 *is headed "The Counsell Book."*)

At Grenewiche, the 29 *Junij*, 1578. p. 211.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Erle of Arundel.	Mr. Vicechamberlan.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

A letter to William Gorge, esquire, that where their Lordships were given to understand by his letter of the 28 of this presente that he hathe not ben able to procede on in the voiage (whereunto he was appointed) by reason of the contrarietie of wynde and weather; forasmuch as their Lordships in the meane while are certified from the Erle of Bedford that the cause of his said voiage is taken awaie, the pirates now being removed from that coaste, he is therefore required fourthewith to retourne with the saide shippe unto Chatham, and there to deliver her in sorte as he receyved her. Operations against pirates.

Town and Gown at Oxford.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the countie of Oxon signifieng unto them that by the peticion inclosed they shall understande the substance of a controversie betwene one Edmunde Bennette and John Waight, citizen of Oxon, and because the said Waight is charged that after he had by his Atturney appeared and pleaded unto an action commenced againste him by the said Bennet, and perceiving that judgment was like to passe againste him, procured him self to be matriculated in the Universitie, by whiche privilege he hathe stayed the judgment, and delayed the partie plaintif contrarie to right and the othe of a citizen, which being true, the Vicechauncellour also of the Universitie cannot avoide suspition; they are therefore required at their Assises there to call both parties before them and effectuallie to examine the said controversie, and yf it shall appeare unto them to be as it is informed, then to take suche order betwene them as shalbe agreable with equitie and justice; and withall to signifie unto the Vicechauncellour from their Lordships the misliking they have of their doinges in that behaulf, and how hardlie they shalbe able to take the defence of their privileges in hand, yf there be no more care had by him and the reste of the Universitie in like cases.

A letter to the Vicechauncellour of the Universitie of Oxforde that where their Lordships are geven to understande that uppon a controversie betwene Edmunde Bennette and John Weyght of that cittie, the matter depending in suyte, the said Waight having by his Atturney appeared and pleaded to an action and judgement like to have passed againste him, to delaie the partie plaintif and to stay judgment did obtaine of the Universitie by his meanes to be matriculated; geving them to understande that (that infor-
p. 212. macion being true) their Lordships have juste cause greatelie to mislike of their doinges, and so hereby advise him to have better regarde to the mainetenance of their privileges, that by the like defaulte hereafter they incurre not bothe the dainger they maie fall into in respecte of their privileges, and their Lordships not discouraged to take the defence

thereof uppon them; whereof if they shall not be carefull they maie not loke for that favor at their Lordships' hands, that by their good dealinges otherwise they might deserve.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto the Clarke of the Counsell for the provision of paper, penns, &c., for one whole yere ended at Midsomer, twentie markes, and for a Chest to kepe the Muster Bookes xx^{s}, and for a Booke of Penall Statutes vj^{s}. The Council Chamber.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower for the discharge of Abraham Windesor out of his custodie, that was committed unto him from the Starr Chamber. The Tower.

A letter to the Lord Aburgaveny in answer of letters of his Lordship touching a cl^{li} demaunded of him by Horden; forasmoche as his Lordship's allegacions seme not to agree with a bill subscribed with his hand, testified by witnesses named in the said bill, their Lordships thinck meete that he shold call the said witnesses unto him and in their presence either to make a fynall end according to the agrement, or els that his Lordship make his repaire hether as conveniently as he may to their Lordships, who declare them selfes willing to take what paines thei (*sic*) can for the making of some frindlie ende wherein all partes may be provided for accordinge to equitie; and thereof their Lordships thincke he will allowe because the wordes of his owne letters tend to the same effect. Lord Abergavenny.

A letter to the Vicount Mountagu, Lord Buckhurst, Thomas Sherley, knight, John Culpeper and James Thatcher, or any fower of them, apon a complaint exhibited in the behalfes of the townes of Hastinges, Rye and Winchelsey, that thei are liklie to sustene great extreameties for want of wood and fuell thorough the erection of a new iron worke in the parishe of Breade, within five myles of the saide towne, the same beinge begonn by David Willard, Michaell Weston and Roberte Wodden, forgemasters; their Lordships requier them to take some paines to knowe the troth by calling before them soche persones of thone side and the other as Sussex iron works.

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thei shall thinck metest for the purpose, and to advertise what thei shall find, with their opinions what is meetest to be don for the weele of the countie, and that with speed, to thend that thinconvenience may be reformed with lesse greef before great charges be susteined.

p. 213. The passage of the Sound.

A letter to the Lord Maiour to confer with some of his brethern by calling before them soche marchantes of the Cittie as are interessed in the trade towardes Danske, for the leavynge of 200^{li} towardes the charges of soche persons as shall, apon motion made to the Quenes Majestie, be sent to the Kinge of Denmark, aswell for thexcessive customes demaunded by the saide King as also for the compounding of some controversies betwixt the subjectes of bothe realmes; and forasmoche as the marchantes trading Muskovie have had some cause to doubte of the lett of that course, and that the persons to be sent are also to deale in that cause, their Lordships thincke meete that that Companie shall also be contributary to this charge, and likwise all the merchauntes of the realm abrode that be interessed in those trades, their Lordships offeringe their assistances to leavie and gather the same in equall and indifferent manner.

Sir V. Browne's accounts.

* A letter to Sir R. Constable thanking him for his diligence used in the levyinge of such debtes late within the charge of Sir Valentine Browne, knighte, as were appointed for the furniture of the office of the Victuallour there, requiringe him likewise to be aidinge and assistinge to Wulstan Randoll, dispatched from their Lordships with furthur order for the levyinge of the rest of those debtes, and therof to advertise their Lordships at the retorne of the said bearer.

* A warrant to Wulstan Randolphe (*sic*), one of her Majesties Pursivantes, directed to the Lord President of Yorke, the Lordes Wardens of theast and Middle Marches of Englande, the Lord Governour and Counsell of Barwicke, and to all Maiours, etc., that they be aidinge and assistinge to the said Randolphe in the apprehendinge of certaine persones

* These two entries have afterwards been struck out in the MS.

whose names are comprised in the said warraunt that have not (accordinge to their Lordships' former letters in that behalf) delivered over unto Robert Vernon, esquior, such grane and other provisions as were by them owinge within the late charge of Sir Valentine Browne, knight, for the furniture of the garrisons there, and them to cause to make their apparaunce before their Lordships.

A letter to the Justices of the Assises in the countie of Essex touchinge Browninge, &c., according to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chest. p. 214. The Essex forgers.

A letter to the Maiour, Aldermen and others, &c., of the towne of Weymouthe and Melcombe Regis, advertisinge them of the receipt of a letter sent unto their Lordships from sume of them, wherein they signifie that they were not privye or consentinge to a letter sent by Thomas Howarde, esquior, to George Trencharde, esquior, containinge matter against Robert Gregorie, and which Gregory enformed was by Thomas Howard subscribed in some of their names; forasmuch as by Mr. Trencharde's letter unto their Lordships, their Lordships were informed that the said letter was subscribed by Mr. Howarde alone, and not in any of their names, and that also the said Mr. Howarde hath sufficientlie cleared him self before their Lordships, they are required for the gentleman's better credit to signifie so muche unto others as occacion shall serve. A Dorsetshire case.

Another letter to Mr. George Trencharde, esquior, to the like effecte.

A letter to the Bailiffes of Yarmouthe to sende upp one Thomas Moore, latelie apprehended uppon their Lordships' letters. An arrest.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie to examine the complainte of one Nicholas Wayte touchinge certaine spoiles committed by Frenchemen uppon him and certaine other merchauntes of London, and theruppon to retorne his aunswer what he shall have founde, to th'intent their Lordships may either cause the Frenche Ambassadour to be dealt Complaints against the French.

with for their restitucion, or els take some other order as they shall thincke agreable with lawe and justice.

An Essex forger.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to deliver Walter Eldred, now prisoner under his charge, to * _____ be caried downe to the next Assises in the countie of Essex.

Sir V. Browne's accounts.

A letter to Sir Robert Constable, knight, that where their Lordships doe presentlie sende the bearer hereof with order for the leavieng of the debtes due to Sir Valentyne Browne, knight, he is required that as heretofore he hathe used dilligence in the levienge of some parte therof, he will nowe in like case imploye his aucthoritie and travell in the assistaunce of the bearer, sparing no convenient meanes for the good execucion of so necessarye a service of her Majestie, and to advertise his proceadinges herein at the returne of the said bearer.

p. 215. A letter to the Lord President of Yorke, the Lordes Wardens of the East and Midle Marches of Englande, the Lord Governour and Councell of Barwicke and others, to assiste Robert Browne, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, sent to attache certen persons named in a schedule, and to bring them before their Lordships for not delivering over to Robert Vernon, esquier, her Majesties Victualler of Barwick, such graine and other provisions as were by them owing within the late charge of Sir Valentyne Browne, knight, for the furniture of the garrisons there; it is neverthelesse specified in this Letter Patent that yf any of the parties inhabiting in the county of Northumberlande or towne of Barwicke shall presentlie satisfie and paye their debtes unto the said Robert Vernon, that they shall not be constrayned to appeare here, so that they beare the reasonable charge and expence of the Pursevaunte.

Grain Comissioners in the West.

A letter to the Lord Keeper that where their Lordships do understande from therle of Bedforde that by reason of the smale number of Commissioners for the Restraint of Grayne and Victuells within the county of Devon, that

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service to the reste is more painefullie executed in some partes of the shire, it hathe ben thought mete that more personnes should be added to the Commission, and therefore he is required [th]at a new Comission may be made forthe for that county to these underwritten, viz[t]:—

Therle of Bedford.
Sir Gawyn Carewe - - - - }
Sir William Courteney - - - }
Sir Robert Dennys - - - - } knightes.
Sir John Gilbert - - - - }
Sir Arthur Basset - - - - }
Thomas Carewe of Hacham - - }
Thomas Southcott - - - - }
John Chichester - - - - } esquires.
Edmunde Tremayne - - - - }
Robert Carye - - - - - }

The Isle of Sheppey.

A letter to the Justices of Peace in Commission for Musters in the countie of Kent, letting them understande that forasmuche as it hath ben thought meete that the Isle of Sheppey (now a parcell of her Majesties possessions within that countye) shoulde be by all means brought to be well inhabited and peopled, and so to contynew as upon all occasions it maie be able to defende it self and to withstande suche spoiles as maie be offered; they are therefore required that upon all suche occasions of taking up of men for service to be don in any place, to forbeare to take any oute of the said Isle to be imployed els where, unles they shall receive verie speciall direction to the contrarie, either from the Queen's Majestie or from their Lordships.

An office mortgaged.

A letter to John Piers that where their Lordships are informed that for the paiement of certen somes of money due unto him by Thomas Gardner, Clark of her Majesties Fynes, he hathe ben constrayned to morgag his office, to his great losse and hinderaunce and almoste to his utter overthrowe; in consideracion whereof their Lordships doe praye him the rather at this instance to forbeare and suffer

the said Gardner to receyve and enjoye the benefitte of his said office from the begining of the laste Terme for the space of vj whole Termes, without molestacion of him or any others that usually or termely have payed him the proffittes of the same.

* Last of June, 1578.

Sir John Zouche.

A letter to the Lords of Shrewsberey and Lecester to call Sir John Souche before them and to taken (*sic*) order with him that he satisfie the country for suche armour, weapon and mony as he received of certen towneshipes in the countie of Derby at the tyme of the last rebellion in the Northe, whereof hetherto he hathe rendred none accompt, according to a minute in the Councell Chest.

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Recall of a ship.

† A letter to the Erle of Bedford requiring him (if William Gorge be arrived there on the coast of Devon with her Majesties shippe), that he signifie unto him her Majesties pleasure for his presente retourne, &c., according to a minute remayning in the Councell Chest.

An escaped burglar.

‡ John Worsley.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevile, knight, that where there is one Thomas Bartlett latelie fledd out of the county of Stafforde uppon a robberie and burglary committed upon the house of one Edmunde James, esquire, which Bartlette is vehementlie suspected to remayne in the howse of ——— Trewchilde, Keper of the Parke of Winsor, he is therefore required fourthwith to make dilligent searche within the house of the said Trewchilde, to apprehende the said Bartlett yf he shalbe founde there; yf not to examyne the said Trewchilde of his knowledge where the said Trewchilde (*sic*) is presentlie abiding, and yf it be within the compasse of the shere to geve order to the Justice next adjoyning for his attachement, and to examyn him of the facte, and his examynacion to be sent unto their Lordships.

* The date is given in the margin.

† This entry seems to have been afterwards added at the head of the page.

‡ Original bracket and marginal note.

* *iij° Julij*, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlan.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Warwik.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The repression of piracy.

A letter to the Lord Keeper advertising that herwith their Lordships do sende unto him a warrant signed by her Majestie to graunte fourthe Commissions under the Greate Seale to authorise such persons to sett shippes to the seas for the apprehencion of pirattes as to six of their Lordships shalbe though convenient; they sende also certen instructions which they have conceived to be sent with the said Comissions, and with the same also his Lordship shall receive a book of the names of suche as have ben thought mete in certen counties bordering uppon the sea coaste to be in Commission for that purpose; according to which warrant and instructions they desire his Lordship to cause Commissions to be made to be drawen so effectually as the same may be a sufficient warrant for th'execucion of all thinges necessarye for the intended pourpose, which Commissions after that they shalbe under the Great Seale, they desire his Lordship to cause them to be sent hether, to th'ende their Lordships maye accompanie them with their letters and instructions to every of those countyes subscribed with their Lordships' handes; and yf his Lordship shall thincke anything necessarie for the profiting of this intended purpose, upon notice from his Lordship they will verie willingly follow his advice as the cause shall require.

Frobisher's cargo.

A letter to Mr. Thomas Asheley that where by order from her Majestie certen howses are to be prepared at Dartforde for the melting and tryeng of suche oare as was brought into this realme by Mr. Furbusher, forasmuche as there is noe place founde so mete for the safe keping of the said oare as the olde emptie chappell in her Majesties howse there, he is required to permitte suche as shall have

* The date and names are given in the margin.

the charg of the melting and keping thereof to prepare and make readie the place, and to bestowe the said oare therein at suche tyme as it shalbe brought thether.

Newington Butts.

A letter to the Justices of Peace next adjoyning to Newington in the county of Surrey that where their Lordships are infourmed that within that parishe of Newington there hathe of longe tyme ben mainetayned a paier of buttes for th'exercise of shootinge, which nowe of late hathe ben
p. 217. defaced by some of thinhabitauntes of the same towne, namelie, by John Carpenter, John Hilles and Roberte Gerlington, a matter not to be suffered; they are therefore required by some good meanes of calling the inhabitauntes together to examyn the contynuaunce and use of the said buttes, and yf they shall fynde it to be true, they are then required not only to cause the said buttes to be repaired and sett uppe in place and sort as they have ben before they have ben (*sic*) and ought to be, but also to geve order for the punishment of them that in suche disorderlie manner have pulled them downe.

Search for minerals.

A Letter Patent to all Justices of Peace, &c., to be ading and assisting to Humfrey Cole, appointed to searche and digge for minerall stones and suche like, &c., according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

Felons' goods.

A letter to the Maiour, Recorder, Sheriffe and other cheife officers of the cittie of Gloucester that where their Lordships are geven to understande that the wydowe Morse, late the wiefe of James Morse of that cittie of Gloucester, tanner, fellon of him self, hathe compounded for her goods with our verie good Lord the Lord Bishop of Sarum in her Majesties right as her Almoner, and that nevertheles they without regarde of the said right do kepe, asmuche as in them lyethe, the goods from her, although it be verie well knowen that the case hathe ben descided againste them by the Lord Cheif Justice and the Master of the Rolles and the Queen's Majesties Atturney and Sollicitor Generall, that their pretended title is not sufficient with generall wordes to recover

the said goods contrarie to her Majesties Prerogative; they are therefore required not onlie to suffer the said wydowe quietlie to enjoye all suche goods belonging to her late husband as she hathe nowe in her owne custodie, but also that they cause to be restored unto her all suche other goods as were his at the tyme of his deathe, in whose hands soever they be, according to the composicion of the said Bishop of Sarum.

Frobisher's cargo.

A letter to Sir William Winter and the reste of the Comissioners for Mr. Furbusher's voiage, that where their remainethe in the cittie of Bristoll a greate quantitie of the ower brought in by Martyn Furbusher, which for diverse causes their Lordships are desirous to have brought from thence to Dartforde in Kent, and that they are geven to understand by Michael Locke that there is presentlie a good shippe to be had in Bristoll for that purpose; they are therefore required fourthwith uppon the sight hereof to take suche substanciall order for the bringing of the same hether, with suche condicions for the transportacion thereof as they shall thincke meete; and for the delivery of the said oare by the Maiour of Bristoll and other Commissioners heretofore appointed unto suche persons as they shall sende downe for the receipt of the same their Lordships sende them herein inclosed their letters, wherein their Lordships have required them to deliver the same uppon enterchaungable indentures to be taken of bothe sides, what quantitie of oare shalbe delivered to be sent hether; and, furder, to deliver to Michael Locke xx^{tie} tonnes of the same oare which he hathe undertaken uppon him to cause to be brought hither by lande.

* 3° *Julij*, 1578, at Grenewiche. p. 218.

An appearance.

This daie Peter Janveryn of Southampton, being bounde to appeare before their Lordships the vth of this present,

* The date is given in the margin.

for the aunswereng of certen matters wherewith he is charged by William Courteney of Dover, hathe entred his apparence.

Frobisher's cargo.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll that where the laste yere there was lefte in the Castell of Bristoll a certen quantitie of oare brought into this realme by Martyn Furbusher, which their Lordships' desier is for certen consideracions to have brought hether, they are therefore required upon the sight hereof to deliver or cause to be delivered to this bearer the said oare so lefte with them, uppon intentures to be made enterchaingable betwene them, contayning the quantitie that shalbe delivered unto him; notwithstanding their Lordships' meaning is that he shall reserve xx^{tie} tonnes to be delivered to Michael Locke, or to suche person as shalbe by him authorised for the receipt of the same, who hathe taken uppon him to have yt conveyed hether by lande.

vj Julij, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A poaching affray.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the county of Essex (*sic*), whereas certen personnes disorderlie hunting in Danney Parke, belonging to the Lord Dacers, one Stonestreate, a partie amongest the hunters, receaved a hurte whereof he is deade, which hurte was supposed to have ben geven him by one Thomas Luxforde, Keper of the said Parke, who, as their Lordships are informed by the Lord Dacres, did at the tyme of the hunting in deffence of this charge onlie pursue thoffendours; forasmuche as diverse of the hunters doe pursue the said Luxforde for the deathe of Stonystreate, and as it is thought will informe againste him at this Assise in Sussex, their Lordships thincke it mete (the ryote being presented

in the Star Chamber, where it now dependeth) that untill the next Terme, when it maie be furder hearde, they do forbeare to deale concerning the said Luxforde, wherein their Lordships meane not that there shalbe any hinderaunce of justice, and therefore doe require them, yf their leasure maie serve, to take some paines in th'examining of bothe parties, to th'ende that uppon the hearing thereof their Lordships maie be the better infourmed of the whole state of the controversie.

A letter to the Maiour of Poole and Mr. Newnam, Justice of the Peace there, that where there was staie of one Eustace Barbe, a Frenche prieste, in those partes, and the causes to be alleaged againste him not to be found of suche importaunce but that it hathe ben thought meete to sett him againe at libertie; forasmuche as their Lordships are infourmed that there are retayned certen clothes that he had with him at the tyme of his apprehencion, they are required upon the sight hereof to geve order that the same maie be delivered unto him without any delaye. p. 219. A French priest released.

A letter to the Lord Keper that forasmuche as Mr. Poole and Mr. Cooper, appointed as men thought mete to serve as Justices of the realme of Irelande, have here appeared before us, and Mr. Poole as disused from the lawe, growen in yeares and decayed of his sight, and Mr. Cooper for his povertie and other lettes worthie to be respected in reasonable consideracions, are thought unmete to be imployed in that service, his Lordship is desiered by conference of suche as he shall thinck meate, learned in the lawes of this realme, to consider of some mete persons to be sent in that service, and among them to returne unto their Lordships, under his hande, the names of three or foure of the meeteste, that out of them there maie be by her Majestie suche a choyce made as to her Highnes shall seeme good; and because it is intended that suche a one as shalbe sent shall supplie the rome of Cheif Justice of the Common Pleas in that realme, they doubt not but his Lordship will have consideracion accordinglye. Judges for Ireland.

The law in Jersey.

A letter to the Captaines, Deputies, Justices and Jurates of the Isle of Jersey, sending them herewith a Supplicacion exhibited unto the Queen's Majestie in the behaulf of one Nicholas Auley, complaining for want of execucion of a sentence geven withe him in that Isle, and for the same requireth justice at our hands according to th'orders of the said Isle, as by the said peticion more plainelie shall appeare; forasmuche as their Lordships have no furder understanding of the cause then by the peticioner's owne complainte, they are require[d] (before the satisfaction of his request) to require them to consider of the said cause, and either to proceade to the execucion of the said sentence or els to certifie under their hands the cause why they doe it not, that if the cause shalbe furder pursued before their Lordships, they maie deale therein as justice shall require.

Recall of a ship.

A letter to Sir Henry Radecliffe that their Lordships understanding that William Gorge, esquire, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Pencioners, sent to the seas in one of her Majesties shippes to make his repeire unto the Weste Partes of this realme, hathe ben by contrarie wyndes so letted as he is not yet passed St. Ellyn's roade, and that they understande from th'erle of Bedforde that the cause for which he was sent towards those partes is removed, and that there is no necessitie of his going thether, he is required (yf he be in
p. 220. place where with anie reasonable oportunitie he maye sende unto him) with all dilligence to make them (*sic*) understand of this their Lordships' writing, and that thereuppon (as so commaunded by their Lordships, no lesse than yf they had written unto him self) he doe fourthwith make his returne backe with the shippe under his charge, and as wynde and weather shall serve to deliver the same at Chatham, and there to leave her with suche order as appertainethe to suche as under her Majestie have the charge of her shippes there.

Francis Tregian.

A letter to the Justices of the Assises in the countie of Cornewall that wheras one Frauncis Trugeon and certaine others are to receave their triall at the next Assises to be

holden in the said countie for certaine their misdemeanours in matters of Religion; for that their Lordships are desirous that the same be proceded in with uprightnes and indifferencie, so that hereafter it maye appeare that no partialitie hath ben used therin, they are required both to be present at the said Assises, and that the triall be done uprightlie and indifferentlie accordinge to lawe and justice.

For an arrest.

A placarte to William Hartley, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, to apprehende one John Trever, remaininge secretlie in some house about Salisburie Place, and to cause him to make his apparaunce before the Bishoppe of London, &c.

Danish claims.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that wheras Mr. Alderman Pullison and certeine other merchauntes tradinge Dantzig and the East Partes undertooke and promised before the Lord Threasurer to paye unto John Peterson, a subject of the Kinge of Denmarke, two hundred poundes towardes the satisfaccion of the losses which he sustained by Hickes and other pirates; forasmuch as the said Peterson hath yielded, in case he maye presentlie have cc^{li}, to tarye some longer time for the rest, for the levyinge wherof he is to understand that it is ordered by their Lordships that iiij$^{xx\,li}$ or therabout shalbe delivered out of the receipt of her Majesties Exchequier by direction of the Lord Threasurer, the rest ys to be aunswered by the merchauntes aforesaid, his Lordship is required to call the said Alderman Pullison and others merchantes before him, and in their Lordships' name to enjoyne them to make provision with speede convenient of the said cc^{li} and xx^{li} more, or so much as shall suffise to meete thother sum, iij$^{c\,li}$, and to cause the same [to be] brought to the Lord Threasurer, who will see it paid over to Peterson.

An unexpected dismissal.

This daie Edward Kenye, being called before their Lordships for matters unknowen, by reason there was no man here to charge him with any misdemeanoure was by order from Mr. Secretary Wilson dismissed.

p. 221. The piracy fines. A letter to the Deputie of Henrie Killigrewe, esquior, one of the Tellers of her Majesties Exchequier, that where there is remaininge in the custodie of the said Henry Killegrewe the summe of iiij$^{xx\,li}$ or theraboutes of the fines of pirates and their abbetours heretofore delivered unto him by their Lordships' order, that uppon the perusing of the accomptes of the said fines he deliver over to the Lord Threasurer all such summes of money as remayne in his custodie of the said fines, to be by his Lordship paid over to John Peterson, a subject of the Kinge of Denmarke, and this shold be against Henry Killigrewe and others his sufficient warrant.

The vij of Julye, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Arundel.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

Alleged fraud. A letter unto the Judge of the Admiraltie that where uppon complaint made unto their Lordships by one William Courtney of Dover, against Peter Jenverin, merchant of Southampton, charging him withe colloring of certen goods appertayning to the inhabitauntes of the towne of St. Mallowes in Britaigne, their Lordships, calling the said Janveryn before them, and finding that the matter in controversie betwene them is alreadie depending before him in the Courte of the Admiraltie, where Janveryn hath put in band for the answering of the cause, their Lordships have thought good for the ending and determyning thereof unto suche order as either hathe or shall fall oute againste him according to lawe and justice, prayeng him to use as muche convenient dilligence as he maie in thexamining of the cause, and to make some suche finall ende betwene them as shalbe agreable with equitie and justice, that their Lordships be no furder troubled therewith.

Pirates' plunder. A placarde for Pieter Silvestre to the Commissioners appointed for the inquirie of matters of piracye in the

county of Kent, and all other her Majesties officers for the delivery of suche goods as shall appeare under the Seale of the Admiraltye to appertayne unto hym, which goodes are to be founde in the shippe of Davyd Wyottie, presentlie arrested in Kent, or in any other place, having ben conveyed out of that shippe, or shalbe knowen to be parcell of those goodes which were taken from him by Lausac.

A Commission signed by their Lordships drawen by virtue of a warrant from the Queen's Majestie to authorise certen Commissioners in the marityme shires of the realme for the arming forthe of shippes for the apprehending of suche pirattes as shall in tyme to come infest the coastes of Englande. p. 222. Repression of piracy.

A pasport to Francis Fievey to passe over beyonde the seas and to returne. A passport.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Cornewall that whereas one Francis Trugeon, esquior, was about the ende of the last Terme committed to the custodie of his Undersheriffe, there to remaine till he shalbe tried at the next Assises to be holden in the said countie, uppon humble sute made unto their Lordships by the wyfe of the said Francis Trugeon that she might in the meane time resorte unto her husbande, the said Sheriffe is authorised to suffer her to repaire unto her husbande aforesaid untill the cominge downe of the Justices of the Assises, to whome he is directed to shewe these their Lordships' letters, and after the triall made to followe suche direccion as they shall prescribe unto him. Francis Tregian.

A letter to the Erle of Huntington that wheras uppon informacion heretofore geven unto their Lordships by Pieres Pennant, one of the Gentlemen Ushers of her Majesties Chamber, that where he havinge by her Majesties Letters Patentes graunted unto him the office of the kepinge of the Castell and gaole of Yorke, his Deputie nevertheles was empeached in the exercise therof by Sir William Fairfax, knighte, High Sheriffe for this yere of that countie, claiming interest therto under pretence of kepinge of such prisoners as duringe his Sherifwike he should be charged with; their York Castle.

Lordships referred the same to the two Lordes Chiefe Justices and her Majesties learned Counsell, that uppon perusinge of the said Letters Patentes they should advertise their Lordships of their opinions therin what were convenient to be done in lawe, who having retorned aunswer accordinglie, the copie wherof their Lordships sende herin inclosed, his Lordship is required uppon consideracion therof accordinge to the same to take some such composicion and order betwene the said Piers Pennant and Sir William Fairffax as maie reasonablie suffice to save him and the Sheriffe for the tyme being harmeles for such prisoners as shalbe committed to that place, and the said Pennant be not frustrated of the benefit of her Majesties said graunte, as by enteringe uppon his said office and the profites therto belonginge he enformeth hath ben heretofore don by the said Sir William Fairffax, &c., for which his Lordship ys required to take some reasonable order and composition betwene them.

p. 223. For settlement of the Danish claims.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that where Mr. Alderman Pullison and certen other merchauntes trading into Dantzig and the East Partes, beinge this daye present before their Lordships were enformed of her Majesties pleasure touching the satisfaccion of Peterson and the present paiment of ccv^{li}, his Lordship is required that for the levyinge therof he sende for all such merchauntes as he shall understande to trade into those partes, and in her Majesties name to charge them to paie towardes the said summe such severall porcions as everye of them is rated at, and to commit suche as shall refuse to prison without releasinge them by baile or otherwise without speciall warrant and order therin from their Lordships; howbeit his Lordship is required to signifie unto them that it is meant the said severall porcions shalbe repaid unto them uppon such fines as shalbe gathered uppon pirates and their abbettours, wherin after thende of her Majesties Progresse their Lordships are minded substantiallie to proceede, prayinge his Lordship for the speedie dispatche of Peterson to use what expedicion he maye, and therof to advertise their Lordships.

A letter to the Knight Marshall for the discharge of Roger ap Parrye out of the Marshallseye. The Marshalsea.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where William Tipper, having an office of the hostinge of merchauntes straingers by her Majesties Letters Patentes graunted unto him, complaineth unto their Lordships that he cannot enjoye the benefit therof, neyther by courteous entreatie used to them nor yet by commencinge suite in lawe, wherin they use such delaies as the matter cannot be brought to any issue; forasmuch as he desireth that the matter maie be committed to the Lord Maiour and other persones of credit and skill to take order therin betwene them, and also enformeth that his Lordship is sufficientlie authorised by the said Letters Patentes to directe forth from time to time such Commissiones as he should require for th'execucion of the said grant, their Lordships refer the said partie to his Lordship, further to informe his Lordship of the contentes of the said Letters Patentes, and if it shall appeare to be so as he alledgethe, that their Lordships for their partes could be contented that his Lordship shold graunt unto him such a Commission in dewe forme of lawe as he shall thincke convenient, to be made and directed to soche persones whose names were conteined in a schedule enclosed, and his Lordship shold like of, who maie either ende the controversie betwene them, or els retourne a certificate of their doinges in to the Chancery. The entertainment of foreign merchants.

A letter to the Erle of Huntington that wheras by his letter to Mr. Secretary Wilson their Lordships understoode that his Lordship could make no ende betwene Raphe Lever and the widowe Bowne concerninge the matter in controversie betwene them; insomuch as Welberye, who taketh uppon him to have sufficient authoritie in the behalf of the widowe, hath nowe yielded before their Lordships to stande bounde to suche order as his Lordship should take therin, for that their Lordships thincke that some full agrement maie be made betwene them if Leaver shall also doe the p. 224. A Northern dispute.

like, his Lordship is required to call the said Leaver before him and to signifie unto both parties that their Lordships' order is that they shall stande bounde in such a summe of moneye as his Lordship thall thincke convenient to abide his Lordship's order therin; retourning unto his Lordship such writinges for his better direccion as he sent by this bearer, and if the parties shall not be contented then to commaunde them to appeare before their Lordships, etc.

For two arrests.

A letter to the Lord Buckhurst for the apprehendinge and sending upp unto their Lordships one John Trever, remaininge in some house about Salisburie Place within his Lordship's liberties, as it is pretended.

A letter to Sir Thomas Scotte that where their Lordships are enformed that one William Thicknis, commonlie called Capten Thicknes, is presentlie to departe beyonde the seas and (as it is supposed) to imbarke himself about Folstone in the county of Kent, vehementlie suspected to carrie sondrie letters concerninge the present state here; he is therefore required, uppon receipt of their Lordships' letters, to laye diligent waite about Folstone and other places neare therunto meete for imbarkinge, and to call unto him John Warde of Folstone Castle, or anye other whome he shall thincke meete for his better assistaunce, and to apprehende the said Capten Thicknis and to searche and take from him such letters as shalbe founde about him, and them together with his person under sure garde to sende unto their Lordships.

A placarte to _____ one of the Sergeantes-at-Armes, to apprehende the person of John Trever in what place soever, &c.

p. 225. *viij Julij*, 1578.

Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlain.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

This day Richard Vaughan, hertofore committed prisoner to the Marshalsey by their Lordships' order for exhibiting of certen slanderous libells and Supplications unto the Queen's Majestie and their Lordships against Sir John Perrott, knight, which, appon examinacion had by Mr. Dale, one of the Masters of the Requestes, and the Judge of the Admiraltye were found to be untrew and false, was called in before their Lordships, and for that he still obstinatlye persisted in the avouching and defense of his said untrewe libells and Supplications, and besides he and one Weriott, committed for like causes to the same prison, had of late caused a like Supplication to be carried unto her Highnes, shewing them selves to be aggreived with their committing, and that they were not suffered to prosecute the said cause against the said Sir John; altho the surmise was most false, yet was it ordred by their Lordships that the said Vaughan shold remayne in the said prison of the Mareshalsey till such time as he shold be able to produce one good and sufficient suerty to be bond with him self before their Lordships, his said suerty in the sum of ij$^{c^{li}}$ and him self in v$^{c^{li}}$, that he shall answer all soche actions and sutes as the said Sir John Perrott shall commence against him in respect of the aforesaid slanderous Supplications, and not to be dismissed from thence before he shall have don the same, and performing this order he might be released out of the prison, &c. Sir John Perrot.

* A letter to Sir Thomas Scott that wheras their Lordships were given to understand one Capten Thicknis was going over the seas with certen letters of some importance, for that their Lordships desired to have his said letters intercepted and the partie hither, who was thought wold take shipping about Folston, he was called, conferring with John Warde, Capten of Sangate Castle, to do his endevor to apprehend him, and to send him and his letters hither. A suspected messenger.

The same day Sir William Winter, knight, John Hawkins and Edward Bashe, officers of her Majesties Navye, were p. 226. Economy in the Navy.

* This entry has afterwards been struck out in the MS.

called in before their Lordships and it was signifyed unto them that her Highnes' pleasure was that none of her Majesties shipps shold at this present be sent to the seas, and therfore they were willed to have a dewe regard that from thence forward her Majesty shold be unburdened of all unnecessary charges of men, &c., whom they shold dismisse or otherwise, &c.

The Queen leaves London.

A letter to the Bishop of London, Lord Wentworth, Lieutenant of the Tower and Mr. Judge of the Admiraltye, that wheras her Majesty mindeth to remove into some partes distant from the City of London, which neverthelesse her Highnes' desire was to have in the meane time well governed, her pleasure was that they shold from time to time be assisting to the Lord Maiour and Officers of the Citye to see peace and good order, that aswell within the said Citye as Libertyes adjoyning, &c.

p. 227. *xij° Julij*, 1578, at Havering.

* Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A messenger's charges.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto ——— Adams of Bristowe, for the bringing of John Callais at the comandement of the Quenes Majestie from Bristowe unto the Courte at Havering, the somme of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

An Admiralty case.

A letter to Mr. Judge of the Admiraltie, and in his absence to his Deputie, that whereas a certen mater in controversye betwene the widowe of Roger Hankin and one Thomas More hathe ben brought before their Lordships, wherein bothe parties are bounde before them to stand to suche order as they, or either of them, should take betwene them; the said Judge or his Deputie are required without

* The names are given in the margin.

furder forme or proces in lawe sommarily to take some order therein according to justice, &c., and to advertise their Lordships, &c.

A letter to the Erle of Huntington that where Christofer Whyte, a pore man, hathe ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships to be permytted to aske the almes of well disposed people on his voiage to York where he inhabiteth, and after his arrivall there to doe the like for the space of iiij monethes within that countie, he is required to examine the state of the poore man, and as he shall finde him worthie so use his discreacion to helpe him. Licence to beg.

A passeporte to Christofer Whitby (*sic*) to aske the devotion of charitable people on his voiage to Yorke.

A letter to the Lord President of Yorke requiring his Lordship to take order that one Hodges, remaining prisonner in Newe Castell, comitted for piracies, be at the next Gaole Delivery brought to his tryall, and then as mater shall fall out against him either to be proceded with according to lawe, orels to be quite by Proclamacion and delivered out of prison. A charge of piracy.

Haveringe, the xiijth of Julie, 1578. p. 228.

Present:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasrer.
The Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Therle of Warwike.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

A letter to the Lord Deputie and Counsell of Ireland concerning the sending of munition, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Warlike stores for Ireland.

A letter of thankes to the Baron of Upper Osserie for his good service done in the killing of the rebell Rorie Ogg, chieflie for that his Lordship did it with his own force. An Irish rebel killed.

* The 14 of July.

The presence as above said.

Sale of an Archdeaconry.

To the Bishopp of Chichester in the behalf of Mr. Richard Wingfeld, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Ushers, that where the said Bishop, by his writing under his hand and seale, had graunted unto one Antony Erington, gentleman, and to his assignes, the next advouson of the Archedeaconry of Lewes in the countie of Sussex, whose interest in the same the said Mr. Wingfeld hath obteyned by due conveyance, which Archedeconry being latelie become voide by the deathe of one Thomas Drant, the last incumbent there, the said Bishop sithe the deathe of the said Drant, notwithstanding his former graunt thereof made as is aforesaid, hath bestowed the same uppon one Cole, his chaplen, and hath putt him in actuall possession thereof, by reson whereof the said Mr. Wingfeld shall be constrained to bring his sute against the said Bishop and the said Cole by *quare impedit* at the Commen Lawe; and for that the said matter, how so ever it shall falle out, cannot but towche the said Bishop in creditt, considering his former graunt, their Lordships do advise him to take some good order therein, so as without sute of lawe Mr. Cotten, whome Mr. Wingfeld hath presented and nominated, maye enjoye the same according to his Lordship's former graunt, or els to satisfie Mr. Wingfeld so as he have no cause of further trouble; and as this motion in their Lordships' opinions is agreable to reason so they trust that it shall suffice to provoke him to consider thereof as shall apperteyne.

The Queen's Progress.

A Commission for Mr. Gascoyne, the Post Master of the Court, to laye postes in every suche towne and place as he shall think meete for the conveyance of suche letters as shall be brought to the Court or sent from thence during the tyme of her Majesties Progresse.

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* The date is written in the margin.

A letter to the Lord Keper for the contynuance of the Commission for the Rating of Servantes Wages, according to the yerelie order. p. 229. Servants' wages.

A letter to the Knight Marshall to give libertie to John Callys to goo abrode with his Keper. The Marshalsea.

* The xvjth of July, 1578, at Haveringe.

Subscribed by the

Lord Threasrer.	Mr. Threasrer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

To William Anger of Est Barthold in Suffolk, that where he had bene heretofore called before their Lordships for a matter in contraversie betwixt Henry Bettes and him towching a lease, and he departing without perfiting of such order as was appointed unto him by some of their Lordships, he is now eftesones required uppon the receipt of these letters to make his repaire hether againe by Saterday next for the same matter. A summons.

To the Master and Wardens of the Stacioners in London that where it hath pleased the Quenes Majestie to graunte unto Christofer Barker the thoffice of her Highnes' Printer, yet not withstandinge her Majesties graunt and priviledge diverse printers of London, contrarie to the same, do without any laufull right imprint diverse bookes and partes of bookes speciallie and onelie apperteyning to the said office; for redresse whereof their Lordships do requier the said Wardens and others above named to make serche for all suche bookes and partes of bookes as have bene heretofore laufullie printed by her Majesties late Printers and yet not sold, and for avoiding of the wronges usuallie done by diverse sleightes to the said Barker, to take order that none of the said bookes or partes of bookes be from henceforth reteyned, kepte, uttered or solde by any person or persones unlesse The Queen's Printer.

* The date and names are written in the margin.

the begynnyng and ending of the said bookes shall be first printed and published with the marke and vyniate (*sic*) of the said Barker; and immediatlie uppon the serche made, or within xxx daies after at the furthest, the said Barker shall freelie give and deliver to the owners of suche bookes and partes of bookes laufullie printed as aforesaid, suche begynnynges and endinges as he doth usuallie sett unto his bookes, with his mark or vyniat, without any further delay; and, further, that no person or persones do from henceforth imprint, or being imprinted do reteyne, kepe, utter or sell any booke, work, volume or thing incident to the said office without the said marke or vyniat by the said Barker or his assignes to them delivered, as they and every of them will avoide her Majesties displesure, and the penaltie in the said Letters Patentes conteyned, &c.

A messenger's charges.

A warrante to Mr. Hinnage, Threasurer of the Chamber, to paie unto John Tupper, servant to Sir Amyas Pawlet, knight, her Majesties Ambassadour in Fraunce, the somme of x^{li} xij^{s}, allowed unto him for his charges, being latelie imploied in a voiag beyond the seas for the service of her Majestie.

p. 230.

The Abbot of Dunfermling.

To the Lord Maiour of London that where the Abbott of Dunferling in Scotland, a man of good credit, is sent out of Scotland to her Majestie, and maketh his repaire shortlie to London, the said Lord Maiour is required that by conference with some of his brethern there may be some meete lodging appointed for the receiving of him and his trayne, and that the same may be in a readynes to receive him.

Haveringe, the xvijth of Julie, 1578.

Present:

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlayne.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretarye.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie Lodowik Brisket xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, for his chardges to returne back in to Ireland with letters to the Lord Deputy. Warlike stores for Ireland.

The like some to Henry Sheffielde, having the chardge of carriage of munition and artylieerie in to that realme.

A Commission for Brisket for post horses for him self, ij servantes and his guide, and for transportacion into Ireland.

A Commission for Sheffield for the conduction of xvj cartes to the sea coast, and for shippinge to transport.

Haveringe, the xxth of Julie, 1578. p. 231.

Present:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

This daie Capten Thickons (*sic*) beinge apprehended in his retourne from beyond the seas, and uppon suspicion of having sundrie letters of commendacions from the Frenche, Spanish and Portingale Ambassadours, thought to be imploied in some lewde and dishonest practises, was for the same committed prisoner to the Marshalsey, there to remayne till further order shall be taken with him by their Lordships. A suspected messenger.

A pasport for Sebastian Ritzo, a merchant of Venice, having remained in this realme and nowe desirous to passe home into his owne cuntrey with his daughter and ij servauntes. A passport.

To the Ambassadour in Fraunce in recommendacion of Stephen Davies, repairing into that realme with her Majesties letters to the King there for the recoverie of suche losses and spoiles as he hath received by the subjectes of the said King; he is required to assist him with all favour. Claims against the French

Release on bail.

To the Lieutenant of the Tower for the delivery of one Thomas Clarke, that hath bene long prisoner there, taking bondes to her Majesties use of himself in cc markes and ij suerties, to be named by Mr. Comptroller, in c markes a pece, upon condicion that he shall make his apparence before their Lordships uppon xiiij dayes warning to be given to him self or to any of his suerties.

Service in Ireland.

To the Lord Deputie of Ireland in the behalf of Richard Zouche, sonne to the old Lord Zouche, who being by her Majesties commandement willed to make his repaire in to that realme, he is required to give him such allowance as was granted to him at the tyme of his former being there, and to take the use of such service as he shall be found meete for.

Tithes in the North.

To the Lord President of the North uppon informacion given of great disorders used by parties interested in the collection of tithes, to the spoile of the corne and the greate hinderance of the tillers; his Lordship is required, with the assistance of the Bishops of York and Durham, to conferr how this inconvenience may be reformed, and an order to be sett downe in that behalf to contynue hereafter.

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A letter of protection.

A Proteccion for John Bragg of London, merchant tailour, that his creditours forbeare molesting of him for iij monethes for such debtes as he oweth them, and speciall[y] because he is imploied in her Majesties service to Portingall.

At Mr. Altam's house, the 23 of July.

Subscribed by

Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Threasurer.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Town and gown at Oxford.

To the Vicechauncellour of Oxford that where there hath bene some sute and contraversie betwene Edmonde Benet and

John Wayght, citezens of that towne, and that Benet was delayed of answer to his accion by Waightes pleading of a privilige obteined of the Universitie indirectly (as Benet informed), and that letters were written to Mr. Wyndham and Mr. Popham, Justices of the Assises of that Circuite, that they should examyne and order the saide contraversie at their sitting in that countie; the said Justices having informed their Lordships that they appointed a tyme to both the said parties when they sate at Burford, they appered there and Bennet offered willinglye to putt the matter to the hearing and endinge of them, Waight refused, and lefte behynd hym the instrument of his privilig at that tyme; he was willed to bring the same the next day following, and came not at all, whereuppon it was suspected that his privilidg was not laufully obteyned, and therefore the said Vicechauncellor is now required to examyne the same, and if it fall out that the privilige was of no value, as granted or allowed after the sute commenced, then that he may answer the accion according to law, and though the privilige be good, yet it is also reson that he answer all laufull demandes; and that it may so be don for the better mayntenance of the creditt of their said priviliges and that he take order accordingly, so that their Lordships be no furder troubled with the cause.

Letters to the West.

To the Shreif and Justices of Peace in Cornwall in answer of theirs sent unto their Lordships towching their certificate of mustering and preparing cc men for Ireland, and of their doinges in the Commission for the Restraint of Grayne and Victells; and their Lordships in the same do give them thankes for their carefull foresight to prevent suche evells as may fall by the to muche libertie of the prisoners sent from the Kinges Benche and Marshalsey to the gaole of Launceston.

The Commission of the Peace.

To Sir George Norton, Sir John Yong, knightes, Henry Newton, Christofer Ken, Samuel Norton, esquiers, where

they have exhibited complaintes against Hugh Smith, esquire, by which he is displaced of the Commission of the Peace, and appointed to mak his apparence the begynnyng of Michelmas Terme, they be required by that tyme to mak their apparence themselfes, and to bring with them suche wittnesses as maye testifie the trouthe of their complaintes against the said Hugh Smithe.

At Sir Rafe Sadler's house, the 24 of July.

Presente:

The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Therle of Leicester.	Sir Rafe Sadler.
Mr. Threasurer.	

Execution for murder in Wales.

To the Shreif of Pembroke that where at the Assises last holden in that countie one Phillipes was then condempned of wilfull murder and adjudged to be executed, the which notwithstandinge the saide Shreif hath of hymself staied thexecucion of the saide Phillips, a matter of great presumptuosnes and contempt and in no wise to be suffered, and therefore he is now commanded in her Majesties name with out delay to see execucion don, and that he do within xiiij dayes after the receipt of these letters mak his personall apparence before their Lordships to answer the premises, and not faile thereof in any wise.

Post horses.

A Commission for post horses for Henry Shefeld, gentleman, for iiij post horses for hymself and Mr. Richard Zouche and their company to passe to the sea coste, and so into Ireland for her Majesties service there.

Escape from the Marshalsea.

An open letter to all Justices, &c., for the apprehension of one Henry Pole, escaped out of the Marshalsey, and of two of his bretheren by whose practise and sleight he was conveyed away.

At Awdley End, the xxvijth of July, 1578. p. 233.

* Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Treasurer.
Erle of Warwik.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Piracy Commissioners for Sussex.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where by reason that well neere all the Commissioners appointed for the V Portes for the setting fourth of ships to apprehend pirates be inhabiting in Kent, so as therby ther is want of (in that case) Commissioners for such of the said Portes as be in the countie of Sussex, he is required for remedy therof to directe fourth a new Commission with the like instructions as were to the former Commission to these persons, viz.; to the Lord Cobham, Lord Buckhurst, Sir Thomas Scott, Sir Thomas Sherley, Sir John Pelham, Thomas Randolph, Thomas Coppinger, Richard Barry, John Boysse, Richard Shelley, John Culpeper, Laurence Levett, the Maiour of Dover, the Maiour of Rye.

Pirates and their plunder.

A letter to Sir William Drurye, President of Monster, that where among certain examinacions taken what was becom of such goodes as were spoyled and taken by Hickes and Callice, it apperith by an examinacion taken by the Judge of thadmiralty that out of a ship of Denmark, taken by them, ther was delyveryd unto one Walter Roche and certain others of Wexford certain quantitie of wheate, rye and salte; forasmuch as it coulde not be but knowen unto them that the same goodes were taken by pirates and therby their bargaynes coulde not be lawfull, he is required to call the said Roche and others before him and to charge them with the said examinacions, which if they shall confesse, then to take order with them, eyther by bondes or by ready payment, that they shall satisfie such as you shall appoynte for her Majestie, so much as the goodes were woorth that so cam to their handes; and in case they deny the same, to bynd them to be fourth coming to be

* The names are written in the margin.

aunswerable to their factes, and to lett them understand that they are to receave no more favour than the qualitie of their offences by justice doth deserve; he is requirid furder to informe their Lordships, with as much speede as he can, the particularities of such goodes as cam to his handes upon the apprehension of Hickes, because that George Winter doth affirme (in cleering of himselfe) that many thinges were delyveryd unto him.

A letter to the Lord Montague, the Lord Buckhurst, Sir Thomas Sherley and Sir John Pelham, knightes, and to the rest of the Commissioners authorized to take order for the apprehension of pirates, according to the minute therof remayning in the Counsell Chest.

xxviij° Julij, 1578, at Awdley End.

* Lord Burghley.	Mr. Threasurer.
Comes Warwik.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

The poor debtors.

Ordre taken for one Hugh Drew, being commytted prisoner to the Kinges Benche by the Commissioners for causes of the prisonners in the Kinges Bench, to be sett at liberty upon his bond to appeare before the Lordes of the Counsell the xxijth of October next, and to abyde their order.

A messenger's charges.

A warrant to Mr. Henneage, Threasurer of the Chamber, to pay v^{li} to Richard Colman, servant to Sir William Drury, knight, President of Monster in Irland, for his charges returning into Irland to his said master.

A placard for iij post horses for the said Colman, returning to his master.

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xxix° Julij, 1578, at Audley End.

* Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Treasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Chanceler of the Duchy.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.	

* The names are given in the margin.

A letter to the Bishop of Lincoln requiring him to call som others of High Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiasticall unto him, and by virtue of the Highe Commission to give fourth a new Commission for the visitacion of Exceter Colledge in Oxford, for the reformacion of such disordred and evill affected persons in Religion as are there (a former Commission graunted by the Bishop of Exceter, deceased, being by the Bisshop's death extinguished), and the same new Commission to be directed to such persons as weare namid in the old (the copie wherof is sent unto his Lordship), or els to appoynte som others whom he shuld think meetest for this purpose, specially for those that are to be of the *quorum;* and if ther shall be cause of furder assistance from hence, he shall have it upon knowledge sent therof to their Lordships. Popery at Oxford.

* Awdeley End, 30 *Julij*, 1578.

Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Treasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

A letter to the Bishop of London, Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower and Mr. Recorder that wheare one Roberte Morton is prisoner in the Gatehowse by the Lord Tresorer's order upon notice of his intencion to departe out of the realme with his wife, whereof there was cause to suspecte some ill meaning of him, they are required for the discovery of his intencion, after consideracion had of the articles sent herewith, to send for the said Morton where he is, and to examyn him upon the said articles, or to mynister unto him suche othes as they shall thinke fitt; and if Mr. Toplif be in the Citye to use some conference with him, and after examyning of the said Morton to advertise what they fynde. A prisoner in the Gatehouse.

* The place, date and names are given in the margin.

* *Eodem die*, 1578.

Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Treasurer.
Lord Warwike.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Comes Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

A charge of piracy.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower to deliver one Samuell Bigge *alias* John Holland, being apprehendid by one of his men within the Libertyes of the Tower, unto the Judge of the Admyraltie to be by him committed to the Marshallsea, and being to be charged with piracy to examyn him thereupon, and so to procede further according to justice.

Post horses.

A placard for post horses for certaine gentlemen of the trayne of the Commendatour of Dumferling, not being present with him at his departure from Awdley End.

A placard for post horse for Capten Case to retorne to Barwike.

* *Ultimo Julij*, 1578.

Lord Treasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Tresorer.
Erle of Warwik.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

The West Marches.

A letter to the Lord Scrope, according to a mynute thereof in the Counsell Chest.

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* *Eodem die, ultimo Julij.*

Lord Treasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle Warwike.	Mr. Treasurer.
Erle Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

Troubles on the Borders.

A letter to Sir John Forster where order was taken at Sterling that the Kinge of Scottes wolde send certaine

* The date and names are given in the margin.

Commissioners to the Borders for the redresse of certaine disorders which weare of late committed there, the Lord of Dumferling at his being heere having made request that in the meane tyme till the said Commissioners shall come, there might be no pryvate revenge sought for those disorders, the said Sir John Foster is required to use all carefullnes that no breache of quietnes or peace be don within his charge till the Commission[er]s shall be come for redressing of the said disorders, the spedy sending of which Commissioners (if they shall not be there allready), the Lord of Dumferling will procure at his retorne home; who hath allso desired that Sir John Forster shoulde gyve like admonycion to the yong Lord of Cesford, his opposite Warden, for causing like good rule to be kepte within his charge.

* *Eodem die, ultimo Julij.*

Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

Release on bail.

A letter to the Judge of the Admyraltie that wheare he was by former letters from the Counsell to sett Richard Vaughan at libertye upon his owne bonde, theire Lordships doo now require him to take a bonde with one suerty and so to let Vaughan know that otherwise he is not to be delivered, and yet if the Judge shall perceave that he can by no meanes finde a suertie, then upon his owne bonde to set him at libertie.

Interference with the post.

A letter to William Cocke, Steward of Cheston, to call before him certaine of Walltham (whose names he shall knowe by this bearer William Hodgson), and to examyn them upon cause of some misdemeanour used by them toward a Currer bringing a packet, and to order them by vertue of his office to some ponishment as the matter shall out before him, &c.

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* The date, place, and names are given in the margin.

* *Eodem die, ultimo Julij.*

Lord Treasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle Lecester.	Mr. Secretary Willson.

An arbitration. A letter to therle of Bedford recommending unto his Lordship the ending of a controversie betwene one Stokley and Wills, a collection whereof is sent to his Lordship herewith, to gither with a letter of the late Bishop of Exeter and an other from Mr. Copleston and Mr. Fitz towching that matter; yf his Lordship cannot end it by his good persuasions and dealing, then to use some part of his authoritye in suche sorte as he shall thinke good to bring Wills to some good order and agreement.

* At Melford, 3° August, 1578.

Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erles of Warwick and Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Warden of the Mint. A letter to the Lord Maiour, Aldermen and Commons of London declaring her Majesties pleasure that they shall sufier Mr. Martin, Warden of her Majesties Mynt, to enjoye all immunityes which by vertue of his Letters Patentes of the office of Warden be graunted, and that the Lord Maiour doe cause the same Letters Patentes to be red to the Aldermen and Commons of the Citie; and, furder, to discharge him of the election which they have made of him to be one of the Sheryffes for this next yeere, and to forbeare to laye any office upon him heerafter other than him selfe shall willingly accepte, being thereof exemptid by vertue of his Letters Patentes; a minute of which letter remaynith in the Signet (*sic*) Chest.

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* The dates, place, and names are given in the margin.

At Long Milford, *iiij^to Augustj.* p. 236.

* Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Treasurer.
Erle of Sussex.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erles of Warwik and Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
	Mr. Secretary Willson.

The Marshal of Berwick.

A letter to my Lord of Hunsdon signifieng her Majesties pleasure and contentacion that Sir Robert Constable, Marshall of Barwik, shall be discharged of that place, with her Majesties good lyking and acceptation ef his great paynes and good service in that roome.

A letter to Sir Robert Constable declaring her Majesties good lyking of his carefull and good service in the place of Marshall of Barwik, and her good contentacion that he shall be discharged therof, and to that end their Lordships have signified her Majesties pleasure to the Lord of Hunsdon.

Danish claims.

A letter to the Bishop of St. David's, Fraunces Langhern, Sherif of Pembroke shire, Griffith Lloyd, Shryf of Carmarthen, and John Barlow, or to any ij of them, being joynid in Commission for the fynding out and examyning of all such persons as have had any goodes out of a Denmark ship, recommending unto them the diligent execution of the same Commission according to the instructions therwith sent unto them, and to advertise of their dooinges.

An enquiry.

A letter to John Fleetwood, Sheryf of Lancashire, John Biron and William Stopforth, esquier, to heare and ende a matter betwene one William Arell and Frances Sherington, dwelling in Wogan (*sic*) in Lancashire, and to advertise of their dooinges.

Post horses.

A Commission for post horses for William Grandsam, messinger, to passe to London and from thence to Yorke and so to Berwicke for her Majesties service, and so to retourne againe, for horses for himself and his guyde.

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* The names are given in the margin.

Conveyance of a prisoner.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto Vincent Harflett, Searcher of Dover, and Ingram Grence, the Maiour's Serjant there, the somme of viij^{li} allowed unto them for their charges and expences in bringing upp one Pike, a prisoner, from thence.

The Ordnance Office.

To Mr. Auditour Fetiplace from the Lords Commissioners for the matters of Ordenance, that for so muche as by the deathe of Watson, Keper of the Store, and the entery of Boiland into the exercise of the same office the accompt for her Majestie cold hardlie be made, he is required to calle for the heire of Watson, and of (*sic*) all such bookes touching the said office as he hath in his custody, and to cause them to be signed bothe by himself and the said Watson at the begynnyng and ending, and so, sealed by bothe their seales, to be safelie kept in the office, and like wise to requier of Watson a note of the remaynes of suche store as was lefte at the deathe of his father, and howe the same was delivered over; and of his doinges in these matters to certifie.

Letters to the North.

A letter to the Erle of Huntingdon with an other to the Lord of Hunsdon, according to the effect of a minute thereof to the Erle of Huntington remayning in the Counsell Chest, *mutatis mutandis*.

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At St. Edmondes Bury, the vjth of August, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.

The Steelyard and the cloth trade.

This daie the Secretarie of the Stilliard in the behalf of the Alderman and the rest of that Societie, followinge a sute (which before tyme had bene moved to their Lordships by the said Companie of the Stilliard) for the obteyning of her Majesties licence for the transportacion of some furder

quantitie of white clothes then allreddie was to them latelie graunted, and desiringe to be therein answered, their Lordships called the said Secretary before them and repeated unto him a former answer made at Haveringe as a matter which the said Secretarie knewe to have bene verelie affirmed, that some appointed to deale for the Merchantes Adventurers at Hamborough, in the behalf of her Majesties subjectes of that Societie, with the Senatt of Hamborough, that the Companie of the Merchantes Adventurers mought contynue their trades and fredomes which of late yeres they had enjoyed in the towne of Hamborough, where the saide marchantes dealing in that cause weare answered by force of a decre concluded as a matter agreed uppon by the rest of the Stedes in a Diett latelie holden at Lubeck, that the Merchantes Adventurers of this realme should not contynue their former fredom or privilidg at Hamborough but untill the Feast of St. Katherine next cominge, but should be used there as other strangers weare; the which thing being so delivered for answer to the Deputies of the Merchant Adventurers who presented the true copies of the said answer, although the Alderman of the Stilliard pretended not onelie ignorance thereof, but also he said that he thought there was no suche peremptorie answer made, yet because the contrary thereof was not as yet certified to their Lordships, it was delivered for answer to the said Secretarie to make report over to the whole Societie that there was no cause for her Majestie to be moved to contynue unto them suche extraordinarie favour as of late yeres she had done, and that more largelie within these two yeres then had bene since her reigne, they dealing no better with the subjectes of her Majestie; and for as muche as bothe heretofore by thalderman and some of the Company, and also at this tyme by the said Secretary, the decree aforesaid was disadvowed (as a matter done without their knowledg or assentes), their Lordships willed the Secretarie by writinge to procure an answer in that pointe from the Stedes, and uppon certificat and assurance to be given to her Majestie

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of their inclinacion to deale with her Majesties subjectes favourablie as they have don heretofore, their Lordships promised to be a meanes to her Highnes for thobteyning of the reciproque favour towardes them in all their causes.

Posting facilities.

A Commission for post horses for ij of the servauntes of Mr. Robert Bowes, Threasurer of Berwick and one other, with a guyde to passe from hence to London, and so from thence to Berwick for her Majesties service.

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A post letter for Monsieur de Cuissie, a Frenche gentleman, for horses and shipping to passe over the seas into the Lowe Cuntreyes with his company and servauntes with the Quenes Majesties good favour.

A post letter for Thomas Gourley, gentleman, servaunt to the Lord Cobham, to be served of horses and shipping, being sent into the Lowe Cuntries to her Majesties Ambassadour there for her Highnes' service.

Letter of recommendation.

To the Lord of Hunsdon in the behalf of George Martyn to be placed at Barwick in the rome of some pencioner there when it shall falle voide, untill some better rome there of xx^{d} or ij^{s} a day shall falle voide, and that he may then be placed in the same and so contynue.

Release of a Frenchman.

To the Bishop of London and the rest of the Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes that where they have committed one Humbert Cousyne, a Frenche man, prisoner to the Flete for some causes towching their Commission, sute being nowe made by the Frenche Ambassadour for his deliverance, his Lordship and the rest be required to putt him at libertie, and to make him first to understand that none of her Majesties owne subjectes should have had the like favour in the like case.

The Mission to the Low Countries.

A Commission for post horses and shipping for Walter Williams, being sent into the Lowe Cuntries for her Majesties service there unto her Majesties Ambassadours remayning there.

At Kenynghale, the xjth of August, 1578. p. 239.

This daie Frauncis Lawgher, Shreif of the countie of Pembrok, being sent for by letters from my Lordes of the Counsell to make his apparence before them, hathe here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, whereuppon he is commanded not to depart away untill he shall be thereunto licenced by the said Lordes. Appearance before the Clerk.

Memorandum, that the said Frauncis Lawgher, after his attendance given for viij or ix daies, he was then at Norwiche ordered by the Lordes to enter into bandes in the somme of cc^{li} to mak his apparence againe before their Lordships at the Sterr Chamber within x daies after the Feast of All Saintes next coming, and after the said bandes so taken he was dismissed to departe home.

At Kennynghale, the 12 of August, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Therle of Warwick.	

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber for the paiement of l^{li} in prest to Thomas Randolph, esquire, her Majesties Post Master, or in his absence to Roberte Gascoine, for the charges of layeng of postes in diverse places for her Majesties service during the tyme of the Progresse. Posting arrangements.

A poste letter for John Tupper for post horses and shipping to passe over into France to the Lord Ambassadour there.

To Mr. Justice Manwodd, Mr. Cromer and Mr. William Partriche in answer of their letters sent unto their Lordships, that they, by vertue of her Majesties Commission for matters of piracie have staied a shipp of Brittons making and do desier to knowe what shall be done with her, her tacle and Rough justice.

ordinance, they are nowe willed, that for as muche as one Peter Silvester, a merchant of Plymowth, was spoiled of his shipp and goodes by a Scottish piratt named David Witty (*sic*) to the value of cxxij^{li}, and that this shipp that they have nowe staied with her furniture amounteth but to lx^{li}, they are willed to deliver the said shipp with her furniture and tacle aforesaid to the said Peter Silvester by inventory, taking bondes of him with suerties to her Majesties use to be sent into the Exchequer to be answerable for the same at all tymes when he shall be called thereunto.

p. 240. The relations with Scotland.

To Sir John Foster, Lord Warden of the Midle Marches, advertising him aswell of the receipt of his letters of the 7 of August, as also of letters from Mr. Robert Bowes, declaring the cause of the staie of suche spedie order as should have bene taken for the redresse of the disorders uppon the Borders; his carefullnes therein is commended, and he is advertised that for the better furderance of that matter the Lord Hunsdon is latelie sent downe, aswell to attend his charge at Berwick as uppon the Borders, and that he should conferre with the Lord Scrope and the said Mr. Foster for the puttinge of the forces of the frontiers in a readines not onelie to defend, but also to be prepared to be imploied, in case nede shall requier, for the assistance of the parte of the King in case any violence shall be offered him by any his disobedient subjectes; uppon taking knowledge of which letters it is not doubted but he will followe theffect of them as shall apperteine, and in the meane tyme and at all tymes to hold that course that may make demonstracion to maynteyne good amitie betwixt bothe realmes and that by good usage they may be contynued in frendshipp.

The Archdeaconry of Lewes.

To the Bishopp of Chichester advertising him of the receipt of his letter of the 26 of the last moneth in answer of a letter sent to him by their Lordships in the behalf of Mr. Wingfeld, towching his title to the Archedeaconrie of Lewes in the countie of Sussex, in which letter their

Lordships thinke it very strange that he should deliver them for a trouthe a matter testified against him aswell under his owne hand and seale as under the seale of the Deane and Chapter there (viz^{t}); that he never graunted any suche advowson to Erington, whereas their Lordships have sene their owne selfes the very instrumentes so signed and sealed and the conveyance of the premisses from hand to hand untill it camme to Mr. Wingfeld; and therefore the said Bishop is required (as before tyme) for his owne credittes sake to make some good ende of that matter, so as there may be no further occasion of complaint against him, or els after the ende of the Progresse to make his repaire to the next settled house where the Queen shall remayne, to declare for what cause he dothe refuse to performe his owne grant.

Sir H. Ashley and the Piracy Commission.

To the Lord Keper in the behalf of Sir Henrie Asheley that where uppon complaintes made against him his name was lefte out of the Commission to give order for the apprehencion of pirattes, for as muche as by Commission directed to certen gentlemen he is not found culpable in any of the said complaintes, as it is certified to the Lord Admirall who was the occasion to putt him first in Commission, it is required by his Lordship and so expressed to be thought meete by their Lordships that he should contynue in the same Commission till, by certificatt from the Justices appointed to inquier of him, he should be found giltie of any misdemeanour whereby he should not be worthie thereof.

At Norwiche, the 18 of August, 1578. p. 241.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warwek (*sic*).	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Sheriff of Pembroke.

To Mr. Puckeridge, Justice of the Assises in the countie of Penbroke, that where their Lordships are given to understand by a letter of his that the Shreif of the said countie of Pembrok, contrarie to his judgement given in open Court, had staied the execucion of one Phillips condempned for willfull murder, their Lordships did thereuppon write their letters to the Shreif chardging him not onelie to procede to the execucion of the malefactour according to the judgement, but also that he himself should make his personall apparence before their Lordships within xiiij daies after the receipt of the said letters, which he hath accomplished accordinglie, and that after some attendance given by him in this time of Progresse their Lordships have thought meete to take bondes of him in the somme of cc^{li} to appere againe before them at the Sterre Chamber within x daies after the Feast of All Saintes next coming, and there to give his attendance till he shall be discharged; and that notice hereof is given to the said Justice of the Assises to the entent he may against that tyme informe their Lordships of the particularities necessarilie belonging to that matter; and so muche also their Lordships have caused to be notified to the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches, who wrote some thing unto their Lordships towching the said cause.

* This letter was delivered to the Shreif of Pembrokeshire.

The young King of Scots.

To Mr. Robert Bowes in answer of one of his of the 8 of this presente, which being imparted to the Quenes Majestie who graciouslie tendering the dangerous state of the yong Kinge doth give order to the Erle of Huntingdon and the Lord of Hunsdon that they shall with all spede putt in a readines a good nomber of corslettes, harquebusiers and horsemen to enter uppon the suddaine into the realme of Scotland; he is willed by their Lordships to give notice of her Majesties loving meaning to the King and his Counsell about him, and that he shall perswade that he in no wise putt himself and his partie in the hazard

* Original marginal note.

of a battaile untill he shall have assistance from her Majestie; he is required never the lesse to travaile as he may to compound all causes with good peace and quietnes, but if that may not be done, he shall give notice of the state of thinges to their Lordships aforesaid, who shall be auctorised by her Majestie to sett forward their companies and to marche onward with such spede as he shall signifie without expecting further order from hence; he is willed to joyne what tyme he may, to the ende her Majesties forces may be in a readines to serve the purpose, and to advertise hether from tyme to tyme howe all thinges procede.

By a *post scripte* it is referred to his discrescion whether he will imparte this her Majesties intencion to aide the King to the Lordes of the other partie or not.

Two letters, one to the Lord President thother to the Lord Hunsdon, that where before this uppon intelligence given to her Majestie of the troubles growing in the realme of Scotland, they weare willed to putt the forces under their rules towardes the Borders in a readines to be imploied in service if nede should so requier, uppon furder intelligence given to her Majesties from Mr. Bowes, her Majesties Ambassadour, that the troubles growe onward without likelichode of peace, whereby her Majestie is moved to imploie some forces for the safetie of the Kinges person, they be required and efte sones sollicited eche of them within their charge forthewith to putt in a readines a good number of corslettes, harquebusiers and horsemen, to the ende that when her Majestie shall send her Commission unto them (which is declared that she intendeth to do) for that purpose, there may be such a nomber chosen to marche onward as by the said Commission shall be appointed; and to the Lord Hunsdon it is signified that his Lordship, with such the garrison as he shall think meete, and Sir John Foster shall goo in person uppon intelligence to be given unto them from Mr. Bowes aforesaid. p. 242.

And by a *post script* to eche of their letters it is signified unto them that the nombers appointed to enter are j^{m} horsemen, j^{m} harquebusiers and v^{c} corslettes.

The Mission to the Low Countries.

A letter to the Lord Cobham and Sir Frauncis Walsingham, Ambassadors for her Majestie in the Lowe Cuntries, according to the minute remayning with Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A Commission for Capten Cockbourne for post horses and shipping, being sent over to her Majesties Ambassadours in the Lowe Cuntreis.

The xxth of August, at Norwich.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warrwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A Wiltshire case.

To the Erle of Pembrok, the Lord Chandoz, the Justices of the Assises and the rest of the Justices of Peace in the countie of Wiltes, that where a peticion hath bene exhibited by Giles Chatterton, sonne of Thomas Chatterton, imploied in her Majesties service in the realme of Ireland, declaring that in a contraversie betwixt him and his cousen, William Chatterton, about taking of a possession of a mesuage in that countie of Wiltes, he is likelie to be overborne by his adversarie and charged with felony where none was intended; they be required to have care to the indifferent hearing thereof, and that he may be admitted to his counsell for the pleading of his right in the open Sessions.

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Carts, post horses, and shipping.

A Commission for the Lord Chamberlen for the taking of iij cartes for the carriage of his stuff from thence to London.

A post letter for Rafe Hocknell, servaunt to the Lord Chauncellour of Ireland, being sent over thether for her Majesties service, for post horses for him and his guyde and for shipping at the sea side.

To the Lord Deputie and Counsell of Ireland, according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

To the Lord Maiour and Lord Bishopp of London, Lord Wentworthe, the Master of the Rolles, and the rest of the Commissioners appointed for the good governement of the Cittie, advertising them of the receipt of their letters of the xvth of this present, with a boxe fast sealed wherein weare conteyned three pictures of waxe and certen examinacions taken by them towching the maner of finding the said pictures; they be hartelie thanked for their dilligence and carefulnes used therein, and for the further direction of them in the finding out of that matter they are referred to their owne good discrescion and wisdom; and that it should be well if they could lerne by some secrett meanes where any persons are to be found that be delighted or thought to be favourers of suche magicall devices, speciallie neare about the place where these matters weare found, and uppon any suspicion to make serche uppon the suddayne in the house or studies of the suspected, to see if any thing will be found towching those devices, and so thereuppon to procede to further examinacions as the presumptions shall offer. Waxen images and magic.

At Norwich, the 23 of August, 1578.

The presence as before.

A letter to the Erle of Derby in answer of a letter of his being sent upp concerning the apprehencion of one Thomson, late parson of Wynwik, being taken as a vagrant person and one suspected of some lewde practises by reson of his passing to and fro over the seas; he is willed to send upp the same Thomson to be at the Court wheresoever her Majestie shall be after the Progresse being ended, which is thought to be about the xxth day of the next moneth. A suspected parson.

A Commission for the gaoler of Norwich for the assistance of him to apprehend two prisoners being escaped out of his custodie. Escaped prisoners.

The Lord Chamberlain.

A Commission for my Lord Chamberlen for iiij cartes to carry his stuff from hence to London, and so to the Bathes, and back againe from thence to the Court.

At Norwiche, the 22 of August, 1578.

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In the presence of

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Recusants in the Eastern Counties.

This daie there appered before their Lordships, as warned by the Shreif of Norffolk by aucthoritie given unto him by the said Lordes, Humfrey Bedingfeld of Quidneham, gentleman, Roberte de Grey of Martyn, esquire, John Downes of Bowghton, gentleman, John Drury of Godwitt, gentleman, ——— Ruckwodd and Roberte Downes, and beinge severallie called one by one (the Bishopp of the Diocesse, Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, beinge presente) they weare particulerlie charged that, contrarie to all good lawes and orders and against the duetie of good subjectes, they refused to come to the churche at the tymes of praiers, sermons and other Devine Services; everie one of them confessed that it was true that they did absent themselfes from the churche as aforesaid, and being demanded by their Lordships whether they wolde not be contented to conforme themselves to order, and like good subjectes come to the churche, everie one of them likewise refused so to do, uppon which their refusall they weare commanded to stand aparte. And after their Lordships had thus passed through them all, and had conferred with the Bishopp to understand howe many of them had bene formerlie delt withall to be induced to conformitie and howe many not, there was called againe ——— Ruckwodd, and for as much as it appered that he had not onelie bene conferred withall, but for his contumacie in that case stode excommunicate, he was ordered by their Lordships to be committed prisoner to the gaole of the

countie of Norffolk, there to remayne without conference saving of suche as should be thought meete by the Bishop cther for his better instruccions or for direction of the necessarie busynes of his lyving and familie. Next there was called againe Robert Downes, and for that it appered that he had also bene formerlie delt withall, and stode obstinate, it was ordered that he should be committed prisoner to the gaole of the cittie of Norwiche, to remaine there in like sorte in all pointes as Ruckwodd was appointed to remayne in the gaole of the countie; and where it appered that Humfrey Bedingfeld, Roberte de Graie, John Downes and John Drury had not bene a fore tyme delt with by the Bishopp in that case, they fower being called all together before their Lordships weare ordered that they should every of them enter into bandes to her Majesties use in 200*li* a pece that they should not departe from their lodginges appointed them in the cittie of Norwiche, and that they should once every daie, as often as they shall be sent for, conferre with the Lord Bishopp or suche as he should appointe for their better instruccions to bring them to conformitie; and like as their Lordships required the Lord Bishopp to use all good meanes that he mought by him self and his lerned prechers to recover them to good order, so by their Lordships he was aucthorised that in case he should finde any of them willing to give him assurance for his obedience and conformitie in this case that they weare charged with, his Lordship should give order for the deliverance of any suche as showed himself so conformable; and on thother side, if they which weare appointed to remayne within the cittie out of the gaoles do not before the Feast of St. Michaell next coming yeld themselves (uppon such instruccion as shall be given unto them) to conformitie, and be contented to deliver assurance to the Bishopp for the same, his Lordship by this order shall have authoritie to committe them that shall stand so obstinate to the one gaole or thother at his discrescion, there to remayne in such maner as Ruckwodd and Roberte Downes are appointed to do,

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untill uppon their reformacion he shall finde cause of their deliverance; and he shall thereof advertise the Lordes of the Counsell to receive order for further proceding against them.

The next daie following there weare called before their Lordships for the cause aforesaid Thomas Lovell, Roberte Lovell and Ferdinand Parris, who, standing uppon like obstinacie, weare in like sorte committed to remayne in their lodginges in the cittie of Norwiche as Bedingfeld and the rest weare, and the like bandes taken of them as of thothers and to be used in all pointes as the others.

A note of the names of suche as weare committed for Papistry in the counties of Norffolk, Suffolk and Cantebridge:—

Norffolk.

Sir Henrie Bedingfeld, knight Edmond Windham, Doctour of the Civill Lawe Roberte Grey, esquier John Drury of Godwitt, gentleman Humfrey Bedingfeld, gentleman John Downes, gentleman Ferdinando Parris, esquire Thomas Lovell, esquier Robert Lovell, gentleman	All these are ordered to remayne in the cittie of Norwiche in severall houses there, and to be conferred withall by the Bishop or suche as he shall appointe untill Michelmas nexte.

William Gibbon, gentleman, yelded himself to conformitie and is bound to bring certificatt to the Bishop of his goinge to the churche usually as others do.

James Hubberd Phillipp Awdley	Conformed themselfs and weare dismissed with favour.

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Ruckwodd committed close prisoner to the gaole of the countie of Norffolk.

Roberte Downes committed in like sorte to the gaole of the cittie of Norwiche.

Suffolk.

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Edward Sullierd, gentleman, appointed to remayne in the towne of Ipswiche, to be conferred withall untill Michelmas next.

Edmond Bedingfeld, esquire -	Theise are ordered to remayne in suche houses in Bury as the Bishop shall appointe, to be conferred withall till Michelmas next.
Henrie Everard, esquire -	
William Hare, gentleman -	
Thomas Sulliard, gentleman -	

Thomas Bateman submitted him self to come to the churche and is bound to bring certificat thereof unto the Bishop.

Michael Hare - - -	These are committed close prisoners to the Shreif of Suffolk, to be kept in Ipswiche without conference.
Roger Martyn of Melford and Henry Drury - - -	

John Daniell committed close prisoner to the said Shreif to be kept in Bury.

Cantebridge.

Evans Fludd - - -	Committed to conferre with Mr. Doctour Ithell, and to remayne in such house in Cambrige as Mr. Ithell shall appointe untill Michelmas next.

Essex.

Rooke Grene, gentleman, committed to the house of the Threasurer of Walden, to be conferred withall by Mr. Lawson and Mr. Harrison, preachers.

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The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Corporation of Dover.

To the Maiour and Jurattes of Dover that where the last yere their Lordships wrote their letters for the pacificacion of a strife in chosing of the Maiour there, and that nowe there was by them presented unto their Lorships a book drawen for an order of the election to be used hereafter; their Lordships not knowinge howe to allowe or disallowe thereof without sight of their charter or suche part thereof as belongeth to their ellection, they be required with all expedicion ether to send their charter or suche part thereof as belongeth to that matter, subscribed under the handes of the Maiour and Mr. Boyse, and thereuppon their Lordships promise to give further order as the cause shall requier.

Complaint against the Bishop of Norwich.

To Mr. Justice Gawdie and Mr. Serjant Wyndham with a peticion inclosed exhibited by one William Jefferies of Neates Hedd, in the countie of Norffolk, against the Bishop of Norwiche, conteyning verie grevous matter; their Lordships being desirous to have it ended by equitie and justice, and having no tyme nor oportunitie to examyn so muche as apperteineth to that cause, they requier that those two before named, calling before them the profes, wittnesses and evidences of bothe partes, to examyne the verie trouthe, and thereuppon to make some finall ende; or if that may not be don by them, then to advertise the true state of the matter and of the complaint, that thereuppon their Lordships may procede further as the cause shall requier.

Dutch claims.

To Sir William Buttes, knight, Henrie Wodhouse, Rafe Shelton, Frauncis Wyndham and Nathaniell Bacon, esquiers, or any iij of them, with a peticion inclosed exhibited in the behalf of Henrie Digmanson of Holland, declaring that contrarie to a sentence given by the Judge of the Admiraltie, and contrary to an order taken by the said Mr. Buttes and the rest, he remayned yet unsatisfied of certeine goodes that came to the handes of one Richard Boone of Wabourne, notwithstanding also that the said Boone was bound by recognisance in xl^{li} ether to deliver the goodes or to appere before their Lordships the 20th October then next follow-

ing; their Lordships have nowe thought good to recommend this sute unto the committees above named, requiring them to calle before them the said Boone, and to take order for the satisfaccion of the peticioner according as was adjudged by the Court of the Admiraltie, with consideracion also of his resonable charges susteyned by prolonging of the sute; or if Boone refused so to do, then to geve order for his personall apparence before their Lordships by such a day as they shall think meet to appointe, to answer both to this and his former contempt; against which day they are required to certifie their Lordships of the particuler state of the matter, that they may thereuppon deale therein as the cause shall requier.

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A merchant's difficulties.

A Proteccion for William Nutshawe of Sowthampton, marchant, that none of his creditours do molest or trouble or arrest his goodes, merchandises or suerties for viij monethes after the date hereof, his creditours' names beinge John Venard of Salisburie, merchant; Thomas Edmondes, Customer of Plymowthe; Henry Weight of Romsey and Roberte Lee of London, merchant tailours.

Norfolk recusants.

This daie there appered before their Lordships, as warned by the Shreif of Norffolk, emongest persones refusing to come to the churche within that countie, Sir Henry Bedingfeld, knight, and Edmunde Wyndham, Doctour of the Civill Lawe, who standing in their obstinacie in refusing to come to the churche in tyme of praier, sermons and other Devine Service, weare ordered as others of the same sort before at Norwiche; Sir Henrie Bedingfeld to be bound in v$^{c li}$ and Mr. Windham in cc^{li}, with the like condicions as they that weare bound to remayne in their lodginges at Norwiche, as by their Obligacions remayning in the Counsell Cheste it may appeare.

And for that their Lordships weare informed that diverse of the household servauntes of Sir Henrie Bedingfeld did and do refuse likewise to come to the churche, it was ordered that the Lord Bishop of Norwiche, or some persons

appointed by him, should visite his household, and so many of his said servauntes as should refuse to conforme themselfes to come to the churche should be discharged by the said Bishop or his visitours in that case from his service.

A letter to Mr. Thomas Huggins and Mr. Thomas Barrowe, two Justices of Peace in Norfolk, to take order for the displacing and putting out of service of such of Sir Henry Bedingfeldes servauntes that do nowe serve him and will not come to the churche as is abovesaid, and that they be not maynteined by the said Sir Henry Bedingfeld nor any other of their frendes with any exhibicion or otherwise wheresoever they shall bestowe them selfes, nor that there be not any other servauntes admitted to serve Sir Henry Bedingfeld in any place or office about him that shall be suspected to be of that disposicion or Religion.

Release on bail.

To the Bailifes of Yarmowthe that where one Thomas Hichecock hath bene by some commandement committed prisoner in that towne, and so hath remayned by the space of vij monethes without any matter layde against him, the said Bailifes are now aucthorised by these letters to take bondes of him with suerties in c^{l} to be answerable hereafter to any thing that shall be laide against him, and so to putt him at libertie.

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At Thetford, the 27 of August, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr Comptroler.
Therle of Warwick	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Yarmouth fish trade.

To the Shreif and Justices of Peace in the countie of Suffolk in the behalf of the inhabitantes of the towne of Yarmowth, forbidding the keping of markettes or selling any herringes or fish in certen villages neare the said towne, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

At Hengrave, the 28, 29 and 30 of August.

The presence as afore.

A post letter for Mr. Somers for iij post horses to the sea coaste, and for shipping there, being sent to her Majesties Ambassadours in the Lowe Cuntries. Posting arrangements.

A post letter for Mr. Gascoyne for iiij post horses, being sent to the Erle of Shrowsbury in Derbyshere.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche towching such order as is to be taken by him with the Papistes in Suffolk, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Suffolk Papists.

A letter to Mr. Roberte Bowes, her Majesties Ambassadour in Scotland, uppon the late pacificacion there, according to the minute in the custodie of Mr. Secretary Wilson. The state of Scotland.

A Generall Minute to all Shreifes and Justices of Peace within all the counties of the realme for the apprehending of certeine lewde persons being disguised in apparell, being Popishe prestes and going about in sundrie places of the realme about some badd practises, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. The Jesuits.

At Mr. Rivettes house, the first of September, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer.
Therle of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

To the Judge of the Admiraltie, the Lieutenant of the Tower, Sir William Winter and the Recorder of London in the behalf of the pore marieners that sailed in a shipp called the Merchant Royall, being unpaid of their wages, to take order with the merchantes of the said shipp for their paiement according to reson and equitie. Unpaid sailors.

To the Bishop of London and the rest of the Commissioners appointed for the causes of pore prisoners in the Quenes Benche, to examyne the cause of Giles Hoefnagle, prisoner there uppon a condempnacion, and likewise for his hard usage at his Keper's hand, and to procure what redresse p. 250. The poor debtors.

or remedy for him they can; this sute being commended by the Spanishe Ambassadour.

Piracy. To Sir Edward Horsey, knight, Capten of the Ile of Wight, touching his indevour that he tooke for apprehending of Clark, the piratt, he is commended for it and is will[ed] to persever in all waies that he can to apprehend him and such others as he is; and for the ij men and a boye of his company that weare apprehended, he is willed to cause them to be putt to the triall of lawe, and if by lawe they shall be acquited, then to bynd them to their good abearing for one year, and to give them good admonicion to become honest men hereafter, and so to dismisse them.

Sir W. Drury, Lord Justice of Ireland. To Sir William Drury, knight, Lord Justice in Ireland, in the behalf of John White of London, draper, complayning that he being suertie and bound for one William Foster of Dublyn in the somme of iij^{c} ^{li} for the paiement of cxx^{li}, he hathe bene for the same arrested and condempned, and that the said Foster hath also broken promise with him for the paiement of c^{li} which he was bound in cc^{li} to paie unto him in May laste, by which unjust dealinges the peticioner is brought to his utter undoing; his Lordship is therefore desired to calle the said Foster before him and to declare unto him the effect of the complaint, and to use all good meanes he can to induce him to satisfie the peticioner with all spede, and that if he stand to thextremitie of lawe his Lordship must of justice give the peticioner such furtherance therein as laufullie he may do, &c.

The poor debtors. To the Commissioners appointed for causes of pore prisoners in the Queen's Benche with a peticion inclosed declaring the extreme and hard dealing of one Partrich, a goldsmith in London, against Thomas Bartlett, prisoner there, who married the daughter of the said Partriche; they are required to calle bothe partes before them and to examyn the trouth of the matter, and to use all good meanes they can to sett some quiett ende betwixt them, according to equitie and conscience and to the releif of the pore peticioner.

To the Maiour and Jurattes of the towne of Dover towching suche order as their Lordships have taken for the chosing of their Maiour there, uppon the sight [of] a parte of their charter showed unto their Lordships for that purpose. The Corporation of Dover.

At the Lord Northes, the second of September, 1578. p. 251.

Presente:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

To the Lord Maiour and Aldermen of London with an instrument of assurance from her Majestie for their indempnitie, towching their late bandes entered into for her Majestie uppon the loane of money. A loan guaranteed by the City.

To the Bishop and Deane of Norwiche in the behalf of William Wells, parson of Hartest and Boxsted in Suffolk, against William Pooley, esquire, towching a matter of tithes; they be required to calle both parties before them and such wittnesses as eche of them can produce for the testifieng of the trouthe, and if nede shall be to calle some counsell lerned in the lawe, and by their advice to make some finall ende betwene them, or els to advertise in whome they shall finde the defalt, with their opinions of the matter. Tithes in Suffolk.

At Horshedd, Sir Giles Allington's, the 4 of September, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

To the Shreif of the countie of Northampton for the sending upp of John Wodd and Wilkinson, servauntes to Mr. Kirkham and one Bodley, that have unlaufullie hunted in the Forrest of Rockingham, that they may appere before Poaching in Rockingham Forest.

their Lordships the latter ende of this moneth of September where soever the Court shall then be, and that bandes be taken of them for that purpose.

A Cambridgeshire recusant. To Mr. Doctour Ithell to committe one Evan Fludd to some house in Cambridge, where he shall think best, and to conferr with him for his conformitie in Religion untill Michelmas next, and that he be brought to the churche to sermons.

A charge of murder. To the Lord Chefe Justice and the rest of the Justices of her Majesties Benche to take order that one Richard Coxhedd, nowe prisoner in the said Benche, that killed one Poste at Abbington, be not bayled in any wise, but that he may be putt to his triall of lawe in the cuntrey where the fact was committed.

p. 252. The Mayor of Dover. To the Maiour of Dover to make his personall apparence before their Lordships at such tyme as he shall be out of his Maioraltie at suche place as her Majestie shall then be, to answer to certeine misdemeanours committed by him against John Heynes, a servaunt of Mr. Comptroler's, in causing him to open his maister's letters perforce.

Negotiations with France. A Commission for post horses and shipping for Roberte Osbourne, servaunt to Sir Amyas Pawlett, her Majesties Ambassadour in France, being sent over into France to his said master for her Majesties service.

A letter to Sir Amyas Pawlett, her Majesties Ambassadour in France, according to the minute in the custodie of Mr. Secretary Wilson.

At Sir John Cuttes' house, the 7 of September, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Chancellor of Norwich. To the Bishop of Norwiche in the behalf of the Chancellour there towching the right of his office; the Bishop is required

if he will execute any parte of the Chauncellour's office yet that he suffer the Chauncellour to receve the fees of that which the Bishop doth execute; and that the Bishop onlie in his owne person, and not by any other, do execute such thinges as do apperteine to the said office, untill furder order be taken therein.

Draining the Fens.

To the Bishop of Eley and other the Commissioners of Sewars in that Ile for taking order for the spedie skowring of the dreynes and fenns of that Ile, specially nowe whilest the wether is so drye, and that all such as be in any sort interessed and by the said Commission are to be imploied in the said workes, or ought to be contributary to the charges thereof, may be compelled thereunto to the uttermost that the Commission will extend; and if any of them shall refuse to performe so muche as in this behalf they ought to do, that the penaltie of the Statute of Sewars may be laid uppon them to the uttermost, and to certifie their Lordships in whome such defalt or slacknes shall be found, that thereuppon furder order may be taken with them.

The Assizes in Pembrokeshire.

To the Shreif and Justices of Peace of the countie of Pembrok in the behalf of Mr. Puckering, Justice of the Assises there, to be ayding and assisting unto him in all thinges apperteyning to his office, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

At Horshed, Sir Giles Allington's, the 4th of September, 1578. * p. 252.

The Lord Treasurer.
Therle of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Plague.

To the Maiour of London to make generall Proclamacion in the Cittie that none of the inhabitants thereof do repaire

* An extra leaf, numbered as above and containing an entry in a later hand-writing, has here been inserted in the volume.

with any wares to the Faire at Canterbury at Michelmas next, for fear of the infection of that cittie with the Plague.

p. 253. The guarantee of the City.

To the Lord Maiour of London advertising him of the receipt of the xij bandes sealed with the Commen Seale of the Cittie, and for the counterband for saving them harmelesse their Lordships will furder with all spede that may be at her Majesties handes.

The wool trade.

To the Maiour and Societie of the Staple with a peticion inclosed exhibited by the inhabitantes of Harlem and Leyden in the countie of Holland in the Lowe Cuntries, desiring to be releived with some quantitie of shepes fells out of this realme for iiij yeres; the said peticion and peticioners are referred to the consideracions of the said Maiour and Societie howe they may be releived therein, and that they may have all favour and curtesie showed them herein that may be, so that the same be not to the greate detriement of the commen weale or hinderance to her Majesties owne subjectes; and hereof they are required to retourne their answer with expedicion, that the peticioners may thereuppon receive her Majesties further answer to their good satisfaccion.

To Mr. Randolph and Mr. Recorder of London in the behalf of the peticioners aforesaid, coming recommended to her Majestie in their sute by the Prince of Orainge; that they for the better furtherance of their peticion should goo with them to conferr with the said Maiour and Societie of the Staple, and to devise some resonable plott howe they may be holpen therein to their benefitt and relief, uppon whom her Majesty hathe great commiseracion and is graciouslie inclined to do them good.

The waxen images.

To the Lord Maiour and Lord Bishop of London, the Lord Wentworthe, the Maister of the Rolles, the Lieutenante of the Tower, Sir Rowland Haiward, knight, and Mr. Recorder of London, towchinge the better examinacion of the finding of the pictures of waxe.

A Commission for fower post horses to the sea coaste for Mr. Fante and Mr. Baptista Spinola, and for shipping for them there, beinge sent into the Lowe Cuntries to her Majesties Ambassadours there in the service of her Majestie. p. 254. Posthorses, shipping, and carts.

A Commission for viij cartes to carry my Lord of Oxfordes stuff from the Courte to London.

To Mr. Serjant Windham and Mr. Drue Drury towchinge a contraversie betwene the Bishop of Norwiche on thone partie and William Rokewodd and William Jefferies on thother parte about a lease; they are required to calle bothe partes before them and to take some paines in the matter and to end the same according to equitie, speciallie for the quietnes of the tenantes; and that they procure the parties by all good meanes they can to stand to such order as they shall make therein, or els to advertise in whome they shall find the defalt, with their opinions also of the matter, that thereuppon their Lordships may procede further as the cause shall requier. The tenants of the Bishop of Norwich.

The Bishop of Norwiche is willing to save Rockwodd harmelesse, so that the lease may be delivered to him. * A *post script* by the Lord Threasurer in the same letter.

At Sir John Cuttes' house, the 11 of September, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer. Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester. Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Mr. Threasurer.

To the Threasurer of the towne of Walden to receive into his custodie Mr. Rooke Grene, committed to his keping, to remayne there at his owne charges with one man to attend him, and to be conferred with all by Mr. Lawson and Mr. Harrison, preachers, to bring him to conformitie in Religion, and that the said prechers may have accesse unto him at all tymes when they please to conferr with him; and that he may goo to them when they shall send for him, and An Essex recusant.

* Original marginal note.

that the said Threasurer ether by himself or some of his servauntes shall cause him to be brought to the churche in tyme of sermons and preaching; and that if the said Threasurer shall hereafter uppon occasion remove from his house in Walden, that then the said Mr. Grene may be committed to some other house there at the appointement of the said Mr. Lawson and Mr. Harrison.

p. 255. A summons obeyed.

This daie James Shawcrosse of Lichefeld being sent for by some commandement from my Lordes to make his apparence before them hath here appeared accordinglie, and desireth to have the same recorded; whereuppon he is ordered by the said Lordes that he shall give his dailie attendance uppon them untill they shall take order with him for suche causes as he was sent for, and that he do not departe without their speciall licence.

Lady Derby.

A Commission for iij cartes to carry my Ladie Darbies stuff from the Court to her house at Thistelworthe.

At Haddam, the 14 of September, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

A riot in Staffordshire.

To the Lord Stafford and the Lord Dudley that where a very great riott hath bene latelie committed at Drayton Bassett in the countie of Stafford, wherein besides the killing of a man, many other great disorders have bene used which are not to be lett passe unponished, their Lordships therefore be required to give their ayde and assistance to the Shreif of that countie, not onelie to helpe to make restitucion of the possession to suche as weare forcibllie expulesed (*sic*) by Robbinson and Harecourt, but also for the apprehending of such as weare the principall aucthors and most notorious offendours in this disorder; and that the said Robbinson and

Harecourt, with some others of the chefest doers in this riott, may be delivered to the Serjant-at-armes, the bearer hereof, to be brought hether before their Lordships to answer to their misdemeanours, and that the rest of that sort may be committed to the gaole of the countie according to the lawe and their Lordships' former letters.

The Plague in the Fleet.

To the Lord Bishop of London that where ernest sute hath bene made in the behalf of Mr. Draicott and Mr. Cotton, prisoners in the Fleete, that in respecte of the sicknes of the Plage being nowe in that house they mought for a season be removed to some other place, it is committed to his Lordship's consideracion to remove them to some convenient house within x or xij myles of London, to remayne there at their owne charges for the space of ij monethes, and the inhabitantes of the houses where they shall be committed may be persons well affected in Religion, and that the prisoners may be brought to the churche when any sermons shall be, and that some lerned men may be appointed to conferr with them, and that bandes may be taken of them in v^c li^i a pece not to depart out of suche houses where they shall be committed unlesse it be for conference or for coming to the Churche to the sermons as is aforesaid, and that if they shall not conforme themselfes by the tyme aforesaid, then to retourne prisoners back againe to the Fleet, or to such other place as the Bishop shall appoint.

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Leave to return to England.

To Thomas Houghton, esquire, being beyond the seas for Religion, he is advertised that uppon ernest sute made in his behalf to the Quenes Majestie for his retourne home into the cuntrey, her Highnes is pleased that he shall so do (uppon such condicions as his servaunt shall declare unto him), and shall enjoye his owne as any other good subject of her realme.

A priest in Norfolk.

To the Bishop of Norwiche that where their Lordships at their being in that countie of Norffolk, emongest diverse others that weare sent for to appeare before them for their

obstinacie in refusing to come to the churche, &c., there was one Derham, a prest, sent for at that tyme that was said to be gone to Buckstons, and that nowe he is retourned backe againe into his Lordship's Diocesse, and is attendant for the most part about the Lady Jernynghams; his Lordship is nowe required, with the helpe and assistance of the Shreif and suche as be in Commission with him, to give order for his apprehencion and to committe him to the gaole of the countie; and that uppon his apprehencion he may be straitelie examined of his going from place to place, and to make dilligent serche for his bookes and writinges as do apperteine unto him, for that he is suspected to be one that useth to saie Masse and to use badd practises to the disturbance of the common quiett of this realme.

At Rokwodd Halle, the 18 of September, 1578.

Therle of Warwick. Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester. Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.

The waxen images.

To the Lord Maiour and Lord Bishop of London, the Lord Wentworth and the rest of the Commissioners for the Governement of the Cittie towching their remisse dealinges in the Proclamacion and matter of the waxe pictures, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

The Plague in London.

To the Lord Maiour of London in answer of his letters towching the trayning of the soldiours within the Cittie, which by former letters is appointed to be don about Michelmas next; he is willed that they be not at that tyme trayned, in respect of the Plage within the Cittie, and that he do take greater care and dilligence for the releif of the pore in the Cittie that be sick of the Plage then he hath done heretofore, and that the sick and infected may not be permitted to come in company with them that be whole, and that all unnedefull assemblies within the Cittie be forborne for a tyme till the sicknes be slaked.

To the Maiour of London, to make generall Proclamacion in the Cittie that none of the inhabitantes thereof do repaire with any wares to the Faire at Canterbury at Michelmas next, for feare of the infection of that cittie with the Plage.

To the Deane and Chapter and the Maiour and his bretheren of Canterbury that they take straite order that no Londoner that shall resort thether at the Faire at Michelmas next be ether lodged in the towne nor suffered to have any standing there, nor to open their wares nor make any sale of it. p. 257.

At Sir William Fitz William's house, the 19 of September, 1578.

At that daie and place Mr. George Scott of Chickwell in Essex, being warned to appere before their Lordships for his obstinacie in refusing to come to the churche, &c., did there make his apparence and yelded himself to conformitie in the premisses, and so was dismissed with favour. An Essex recusant.

Essex - - - - - { The order taken with suche as do refuse to come to the churche and weare called in the countie of Essex before the Lordes for that purpose, according as was agreed in the presence of my saide Lordes at Norwiche, the 22 of August, 1578.

Rooke Grene, esquire, committed to the house of the Threasurer of Walden to be conferred withall by Mr. Lawson and Mr. Harrison, prechers, untill Michelmas next, and not conforming himself by that tyme to be then committed close prisoner to the gaole of the countie.

Mr. Crawley of Manydon committed to some house in Colchester, to be likewise conferred withall till Michelmas

next, and not conforminge himself to be used as Rooke Grene.

Mr. Towensend of Walden and Mr. Thomas Wiseman -	These have conformed themselfes by their writing of submission under their owne handes.
Mr. Weste of Depeden - -	These, as they affyrme they never absented themselfes from the churche, so they promise to come to it usuallie as other their neighbours do.
Mr. Henrie Bradbury - -	
Weston Browne, esquire -	
George Scott, gentleman, and one Meade, farmour of the manour of Great Eston -	
Sir Henrie Terell is sick; his ij sonnes come to the churche - - - - -	
John Pascall of Baddow -	These have bene sent for and have not yet appered.
William Grene, sonne to Rooke Grene - - - - -	
Thomas Chaplen, Rook Grene's tenant - - - -	

p. 258. * At Mr. Stoner's house, the 21 September, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer. Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

An arrest in the City.

To the Commissioners for the Governement of the Cittie of London for the examinacion of Harding, whome by their letters they did informe to be apprehended; with the same letters weare sent all the papers and letters taken appon the said Harding with a cathologe of the contentes of them, and they are required thereuppon to drawe out suche interrogatories as they shall think meete for the fynding out of the trouthe, and that they use all dilligence and industrie to that purpose.

* The place, date and names are given in the margin.

Richemond, *xxvj° Septembris*, 1578.

* Earl of Warwik.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A recusant.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete to deliver the person of George Cotton, esquire, unto the Bishop of Winchester, who had written his letters unto the said Warden to have him sent unto him to be furder conferred withall in mater of Relligion.

Forcible possession.

A letter to the Lord Stafforde, the Lord Dudley and the Justices of the Peace in the countie of Stafford, for their proceading for the apprehending of suche as doe mainetaine a force in the manner of Drayton Basset, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

xxviij Septembris, Richmonde.

Present as before.

Riotous assemblies in Cheshire.

A letter to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Chester signifieng that where the Queen's Majestie is geven to understande that in sundry places within that county the people doe assemble them selves under pretence of chering and feasting, terming them wakes, where they doe for the moste parte no good exercise, but fall to intemperate drinking and tipling, hathe therfore willed their Lordships to geve order unto them that fourthwith they restraine the said disorders, and as so comaunded from their Lordships to forbydd those assemblies called waakes; notwithstanding it is not meante that honeste exercises and pastymes or any good exercises for the body, to be had at fitte and convenient tymes, shalbe taken awaie, but that under collour of that which is good they maie not by abuse fall into such intemperancy of drinking and other wicked disorders that nowe growe thereby.

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* The names are given in the margin.

The Game Laws.

A letter to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Wilteshire againste the unlawfull takers of partridges and fesauntes, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

The Piracy Commission.

A letter to the Lorde Keper to place Mr. William Heydon, Viceadmirall of the county of Norffolk, in the Commission for Piracies within that countye.

Recusants in the Diocese of Salisbury.

A letter unto th'erle of Pembroke and the Bishop of Salisbury directing them how to proceade with suche as are obstinate in Religion within the Diocesse of Salisbury to bring them to conformitie, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

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A plundered wreck.

A letter to Sir John Pelham, Sir Thomas Sherley, knightes, Richard Shelley, esquire, and Jasper Swifte, Sergeant of the Admiraltie, that where verie latelie a smale flyboate by extreamitie of wether hathe ben after a sorte wrecked nere Meching, *alias* Newhaven, within that county of Sussex, which fliebote was laden with diverse kinds of merchaundize, as wynes, bookes, &c., whereof some parte hathe ben preserved by Jasper Swifte's care, and the reste imbeselled by the countrey, their Lordships have therefore made choyce of them, and do requier them presentlie upon the receipt hereof to repeire unto the place where the said flyboate hathe ben wrecked, and by vertue hereof to sease to her Majesties use as well the ship, if she be or maie be recovered, as also suche goods as shalbe founde to have remained in her and were recovered at the tyme of the wrecke, and to make dilligent searche for all suche parcells thereof as maie be knowen to have ben imbeselled by the disorderlie accesse of the countrye, and to receive the same into their handes, which with the reste, they shall cause to be bestowed by inventorie in some safe place, there to remaine untill suche tyme as they shall therein be furder directed from their Lordships; and where one John Harr is of Bushopstone hathe conveyed one butt of secke, a cheste of books and all the sailes of the flyboate, refusing to

make restitucion thereof, they are thereby authorized to searche the house of the said Harris and to sease the same, as also to make searche in anie other places where they shall understande any part of the said goods to be remaining; and yf either the said Harris or any other shall have conveyed it from their howses and do refuse to make restitucion of somuche as shalbe knowen to have comme to their hands, then shall they take bands of them with suerties in good sommes of money to her Majesties use for their apparence fourthwith before their Lords; and to advertise their doinges and send a copie of the inventorie of the goods remayning.

A pirate in the Severn.

A letter to Sir Edward Stradling, Sir Edward Manxell and others the Commissioners for Piracies within the county of Glamorgan, that their Lordships understanding of their good care to have apprehended Clarke, the pirate, who appeared within the streame of Severne overagainste Pennarth Head, do greatelie comende their care towards her Majesties service, and yeilde them therfore most hartie thankes, not doubting but upon the like occasion hereafter they will use the like endevour; and for the personnes of whome they have taken bands for their apparence before their Lordships within xx^{tie} daies warning, yt is thoght mete that they remaine so untill untill (*sic*) their Lordships shall se tyme convenient to call them.

A complaint from the Welsh Council.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Walles that where they complaine that heretofore in dealing by comaundement from their Lordships against suche as were backwarde in Relligion within their charge, for that th'offendours without any furder consideracion have ben there hence dismissed, whereat th'offendours have taken occasion not only to glorie greatelie in them selves, but also to laught (*sic*) at scorne suche as were doers for their apprehencion, whereby the honest are greatelie discouraged at this presente to deale any more in those matters; forasmuche as their Lordships neither remember that any suche have appeared before them that have ben slightlie dismissed, nor knowe

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who they be that have ben so scorned at for their service in that behaulf, desiering them fourthwith to signifie unto their Lordships the names of the one and th'other, and their Lordships will not faile to take suche convenient order therein as shall satisfie the well affected in Relligion and bridle the lewde disposicions of the reste.

French pirates. A letter to the Captaine of Garnesey that where their Lordships (by his letter of the xth of this present) do understande that he hathe apprehended one Capten Poullet, a Frenche pyrate, with his ship and companie, for which his service their Lordships do yeilde him on her Majesties behaulf right hartie thanks, and where it appearethe by his letter that the Jurates of that Isle make difficultie to proceade there againste pyrates, for that they are not thereunto warranted by the lawes of the Isle unles the piracie had ben committed within the precincte thereof; and therefore having had the advise of those that are learned in those cases their Lordships do thincke it mete that they be sent hether, where they maie be proceaded againste as publicke enimies pronounced by the Civill Lawes, requiring him to sende the said Poullet and the reste to London to the Mareschalsea, where order shalbe geven for the receiving and ordering of them; and for any others hereafter to be by him apprehended within that Isle, he is required to observe this course to sende them from tyme to tyme hether, where according to their deser[t]s they maie receive punishment.

The Family of Love. A letter unto the Bishop of London requiring him to call unto hym Robert Seale, Thomas Mathewe, Lewes Stewarde, Anthony Enscombe and William Eling, Yeomen of the Garde, persons noted to be of the secte called the Familie of Love, and to conferre with them for their reformacion in Relligion, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of London directing him how to proceade with suche as are backwarde in Relligion within his Diocesse, according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

Richemond, *xxix° Septembris*, 1578. p. 261.

Presente:

The Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroler.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlan.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Disorders in Staffordshire.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete to receive into his custodie the persons of Walter, Edwarde and Thomas Harcourte of Tamwourth in the countie of Stafford, and William Stanforde, comitted for the assisteng of the Robinsons in maintayning of a force againe Mr. Ferers; that he keepe them as close prisoners without conference with anie untill he shalbe otherwise directed for the furder libertie.

Recusants in the Eastern Counties.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche that where their Lordships understande by his letter of the xiiijth of this presente that by his dilligent travaile he hathe reclaimed Thomas Lovell and others committed for their backwardnes in Relligion, for the which their Lordships doe yeilde him their hartie thanckes, and doe require him to contynewe his like travaile towards the rest that are not yet reclaimed at Norwich, as also to have a care that others committed also for their obstinacie at Bury and other places within his Diocesse maie be conferred withall by the learned within his charge, to induce them to conformitye; and for Mr. Thomas Lovell who desiereth to be released upon his promise and subscription of his newe conformitie, without bande, that yt maie appeare to the worlde that he is willingly converted and not coacte, their Lordships are verie well contented that he shall soe release him, having notwithstanding an eye unto him that he performe his said promise, and thereof to take order that he be advertised from tyme to tyme; he is also required to send up unto their Lordships the personne of Doctor Wyndham, that he maie be delt withall here in some other sorte, sithe that no mylde course will serve to reforme him.

The freedom of the City for a foreign fencing-master.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Aldermen of the Cittie of London that where the berer hereof, Roche Bonetti, having remained many yeares as a subjecte of this realme and

hathe alwaies lived in good order and fame, their Lordships (desierous to do him good), have therefore at his humble suite thought good to write their letters unto them in his behaulf, that they will the rather at their instaunce to
p. 262. graunte him the freedome of their Cittie, which if they shall graunt unto him, their Lordships will not forgette to requite yt when occasion shalbe offered; and where the said Roche complaineth that he is daylie vexed by the common fensers of that Cittie because he professethe the use of weapons, they are therefore required to call suche of them before them as the said Roche shall name unto them to have offered him violence, and thereupon as they shall fynde them culpable to see them effectuallie punished, and bandes to be taken of them for their good behaviours hereafter towards hym, that he be no furder molested by them, but that without impediement he maie teache the use of weappons within his howse to suche gentlemen as shall like to resorte unto hym.

Frobisher's Squadron. A letter to Mr. Furbusher requiring hym that by reason of the contageon of the Plage that he permitte not anie of the inhabitauntes of London or the places thereaboute to repeire and come on bourde anie of his shippes, nor likewise that he suffer anie of his people to departe from his vessells and come on shore till he shalbe otherwise advised from their Lordships.

The harvest in the West. A letter to the Justices of Peace in the county of Cornewell that where by their letter of the xviijth of this presente they signifie unto their Lordships the greate plentie of corne this yeare within that countye, by reason whereof they desire that their Lordships woulde allowe of a publicacion to be by them made throughe out the shire for the transporting of suche quantities of wheate and other graine as maie conveniently be spared within the county; forasmuche as their Lordships are in this case to credit their reporte, to whome the government of the country is committed, cannot but verie well allowe that the meaning of the Statute in that respecte shoulde be duelie put in execucion, and doe

hereby on her Majesties behaulf authorize them to proceade therein according to the meaning of the said Statute, having an especiall regarde that the greedines of suche as shalbe permitted to transporte be not occasion of scarcetie in th'ende of the yeare, and so to order the matter that greater quantities be not thereby imbeselled then by them shalbe thought fitte to be spared; and withall their Lordships do putt them in remembraunce that the like care be had in the transporting of the said graine, that her Majestie be not defrauded of any parte of her custome.

A letter to the Erle of Beddforde signifieng unto his Lordship that the Justices of Peace in the county of Cornewall have written unto their Lordships signifieng the quantitie of graine this yeare within that countie, whereby the prices of corne are verie lowe, by reason whereof, as also for the increase of the Navy, they have desired they might be permitted to make a publicacion throughe the shire for p. 263. the inhabitauntes to transporte suche quantities of graine as the contrie might conveniently spare; upon which certificate their Lordships have ben contented to yeilde to their requeste, requiring them to have regarde that the contry in the ende of the year be not left unprovided of necessary graine for their owne susteining, and therefore their Lordships have thought [good] to write unto his Lordship to desire hym to have an eye unto them, that a disorder hereby bring not a discomoditie; a copy of which letter unto them their Lordships have sent unto hym, to th'ende he maie take knowledg thereof and how farr they are permitted to proceade.

iij° Octobris, 1578.

* Lord Admirall.
Earl of Warwick.
Earl of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* The names are given in the margin.

Forcible possession.

A letter to the Lord Stafford, the Lord Dudley and the rest of the Justices of the Peace in the county of Stafford for their proceding in the removing of a force mainetayned within the mannour of Drayton Bassett, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste; in which letter was sent unto them inclosed a letter sent unto the Lordes of the Councell from the Master of the Rolles, Justice Manwoode and Justice Ayloffe, contayning their opinions in lawe what course is to be kept in removing of the said force, whereof remainethe also a copie in the Councell Cheste.

v^to Octobris, 1578.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.

The Chancellor of Norwich.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich that where upon some hearing of the matter in controversie betwene him and Doctor Beacon, his Chauncellor, their Lordships finding no greate cause to move him to that severitie wherewith he hath hetherto prosecuted againste him, their Lordships have not only by speache but by their sundry letters, and especiallie of the vij^th of September, required him that all matters of unkindnes might be removed, and staie his proceadinges against the said Mr. Beacon untill the next Terme, that upon conference with some learned in the lawes on bothe sides suche order might be taken therein as shalbe agreable with justice, and in the meane while the said Doctor Beacon to receive the fees of the office; and forasmuche as their Lordships are since geven to understande that notwithstanding their order herein he goethe aboute to displace the said Doctor Beacon by revocacion of his patent, and hathe comanded the Register to receive his fees, a matter that deservethe no good opinions at their Lordships' hands, and therfore they doe againe hereby re-

quire him to staye his rigor towards the said Doctor Beacon, and according to the contentes of their said letter of the vijth of September to suffer him to enjoye and execute the said office, unles he shall like to doe it in his owne personne and not els, and the fees of the said office to be delivered unto the said Doctor Beacon.

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An arrest in Herts.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the county of Hertforde to attache the personne of James Doleman, and to sende him unto their Lordships under sure garde, and by the waie to kepe him from conferrence withe anie personne.

The Durham Chapter estates.

A letter to the Lord President of Yeorke, the Lord Bushoppes of Yeorke and Duresme and the rest of the Commissioners appointed to examyn the causes of the Deane of Duresme, signifieng unto them that the Quenes Majestie being geven to understande that he, the Lord Bishop of Yeorke, by reason of his visitacion in the Dioces of Chester hathe hetherto differed th'execucion of that Commission directed to hym and the reste, wherewith her Highnes is not a little displeased, suspecting thereby a coldenes in some of them that are appointed Comissioners in that behaulf, leaning rather to favor and cover the faultes of the offendours then to enter into th'examinacion of them, wherby redresse might be had and justice don to her Majesties subjectes interessed; they are therefore in her Majesties name and upon their allegeance commaunded, all particuler affection sett apart, to proceade syncerely to th'execucion of the said Commission at their daie prefixed, without anie furder scruple or delayes, and thereof not to faile as they will for their default answer to the contrarye.

* 7° *Octobris*, 1578.

Lord Admirall.	Earl of Leicester.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Warwick.	

* The date and names are given in the margin.

The Staffordshire disorders.

A letter to the Highe Sheriffe of the county of Stafford to make his undelayed apparence before their Lordships, and in his absence to appointe his Undersherife to attende upon the Lord Stafford and the Lord Dudley, to be by them imployed concerning her Majesties service in the removing of the force in the mannour of Drayton Basset.

A letter to the Lord Stafford and the Lord Dudley advising them to followe suche directions as were sent unto them from the Lordes of the Councell in their letters of the thirde of October, &c., according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

Sussex ordnance for private ships.

A letter to the Customer, Comptroller and Searchers of the porte of Chichester or their deputies at Meching or elswhere, and to every of them to whome it shall appertain, that where William Nutshawe, merchaunt of Southampton, hathe provided there with them at Lewes fouer tonnes of ordenance for the provision of a shippe of his called the Bark of Boullen, as also John Martyn of Torbaye hathe likewise provided foure tonnes for a shippe of his called the Mannet, latelie built at Southampton, which ordenance, althoughe it ought first to be brought into Tower Wharf at London and there hence licenced to be shipt to the use of the owners, forasmuche as their Lordships are informed by the said Nutshawe
p. 265. and Martyn that their shippes being presentlie readye and prepared to the seas in a voiag, maie not well abyde the staye of muche tyme in conv[e]yeng the ordenance firste to London and then to Southampton without their greate hinderaunce, their Lordships are well contented that they shall suffer the said Nutshawe and Martyn to lade the said ordenance to be by them immediatlie conveyed to their shippes, taking of them good and sufficient bands for the true discharg of the same according to their order heretofore in like cases used; and theise their Lordships' letters to be their discharge in that behaulf.

The Queen's Bench Commissioners.

A letter to Nicholas Turberville, gentleman, that where their Lordships are geven to understand from the Comis-

sioners appointed to deale betwene the prisonners of her Majesties Benche and their creditours for the compounding of causes betwene them, that they having often tymes by vertue of their said Commission willed him to appeare before them to have dealt with him in a cause betwene him and one Thomas Spencer, prisonner in the said Benche, he hathe in contempt of the said Commission refused to come unto them; he is therfore required immediatlie upon the receipt hereof to make his personall apparence before their Lordships, and thereof not to faile, &c.

xj° Octobris, 1578, Richemond.

Lord Admiral.
Erle of Warwick.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptrooler (*sic*).
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wylson.

The fish trade of Great Yarmouth.

A letter to the Maiour and his britheren of the towne of Yarmouthe that where there have ben exhibeted certen articles unto their Lordships on the behalf of the inhabitantes of the coast of Suffolk, shewing their grifes with diverse inconvenientes (as they affirme) like to followe of the late restraint made by vertue of their Lordships' letters for the sale of herringes and other fishe taken on that coast to be onlye made at the towne of Yarmouthe, theise are therefore to require them that with as muche convenient speede as maie be they doe peruse the saide articles and to answere them particularlye in writing, which they shall fourthewith sende unto their Lordships, together with some two or thre sufficient personnes of their towne well instructed in those maters to answere the objections that maie be made on the other syde, that accordingly uppon the hearing of bothe parties such furder order maie be taken as shalbe thought convenient.

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The Plague and Lord Mayor's Day.

A letter to the Lord Maiour Electe and the Sheriffes of London that where they are desierouse to understande their

Lordships' pleasure towching the keping of the Lord Maiour's Feaste, whether notwithstanding the presente infection within the Cittie the same maye be contynued at the tyme accustomed, they are given to understande that their Lordships thincke it not convenient in any case, and therefore doe require them for the avoiding of the contagion that maie followe thereof to forbear the keping of the said Feaste.

An Essex recusant.

A letter to James Woodhall, Threasurer of Walden, that where by his letter of the vijth of this presente their Lordships are given to understande of the death of the late Threasurer of that towne of Walden, unto whose custodie their Lordships committed in September laste the person of Rooke Greene, gentleman, to be conferred withall in matters of Relligion according to their Lordships' letters of the xjth written to the said Threasurer, and where he desierethe to know their Lordships' pleasures whether the said Rooke Grene shalbe removed from the howse of the late Threasurer unto his custodie, succeading the said Threasurer in that office; he is geven to understande that for the good report of his affection towards her Majesties service, &c., their Lordships thincke it mete that the said Grene be commytted to his care to be ordered according to their Lordships' former letter, which for that pourpose they returne unto him, requiring him to receive him, and to have regarde that he be not permitted to have conferrence with any person that shalbe suspected to be of his Relligion, or with anie others then the preachers of that town appointed thereunto or such as they shall allowe of; their Lordships also thincke it mete that if upon conferrence with the said preachers he shall remayne obstinate and not be induced willingly to heare sermons, that then he be thereunto (by convenient meanes) compelled, wherein he with the said preachers are to use their beste discreacions.

The capmaking trade.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Wales that where it hathe pleased the Queen's Majestie to graunt unto Robert Blunte and John Bailiffe her Highnes'

Letters Patentes for the execution of a Statute latelie made for the maintenance of capps, the intent whereof hathe cheifelie concerned the reliefe of a great number of her Majesties poore subjectes living by that trade in moste citties, borroughes and townes within the realme; forasmuche as the said Statute hathe ben and is daily put in execucion in all places of the realme, only Wales and the Marches thereof excepted, where they have refused to permitte them to medle p. 267. unles they coulde bring farder warrant from their Lordships, they are geven to understande that their Lordships in like sort having hetherto refused to write their letters in their behaulf, doubting that some abuse might have ben by them committed in the prosecucion of the Statute, dyd referre them to the testimonie of the places mentioned in their Letters Patentes, being xxvij in number, where they are bounde to bestowe all suche forfeitures as they shall collecte and gather unto the reliefe of the poore cappers there, which testimonies their Lordships required the said cappers to bring unto them to wittnes that they had bestowed suche sommes of money as they had collected of forfeitures according to the true meaning of her Majesties said Letters Patentes; who since have brought unto their Lordships the testimonies of the said townes and places of the imployment of diverse sommes of money accordingly, and thereupon their Lordships have ben contented to write their letters unto them and do require them to suffer the said cappers within the precinctes of their charge to prosecute the benefitte of the said Statute and Letters Patentes so long as they shall behave them selves as appertaineth.

Their Lordships' meaning is not that the said Bailye (*sic*) **Postscript.* above mentioned shall have anie thing to doe in thexecucion of the said Patentes, whome they woulde have them to apprehende in case he shall repeire into those partes, and certifie their Lordships thereof.

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* Original marginal note.

xij° Octobris, 1578, at Richmonde.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwike.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

Recusants in the Eastern Counties.

A letter to the Lord Bushope of Norwich that where by his letter of the iiijth of October theyr Lordships are given to understande that by his care and dilligence he hathe reclaimed Mr. Thomas Lovell, Mr. Rookwodde and John Drury so farr fourthe as they seame to be resolved in conscience, and thereupon he hath delivered them, taking bands of them for the continuance of their conformitie, for which his paines their Lordships doe yeilde him right hartie thankes; and for suche as he hathe committed for their willfull obstinacye according to their Lordships' order and the
p. 268. tyme limited unto him, their Lordships do verie well like thereof, and that they doe so remaine till they shalbe better advised; for Robert Downes whome he signifiethe to be nothing amended by conferrence, yet verie ready to resorte unto sermons upon comaundement, their Lordships thincke it mete that he remaine as he is to be furder conferred withall, and that from tyme to tyme he be made to resort unto the churche to heare sermons, which in tyme maie make some better comformitie; it is also thoght mete that according to their letters of the xxixth of September he sende hether unto their Lordships the personne of Doctor Wyndham, and Sir Richard Beddingfielde to remaine as he is untill their Lordships shall have delt with the said Wyndham, whereupon his Lordship shall heare furder from them; in the meane tyme he is required to write his letters to the preachers of Ipswiche and Bury to understande what good they have don with them, and thereof to advertise their Lordships.

Execution of a Mosstrooper.

A letter to the Lord Scrope that where by his letters of the iiijth of October their Lordships are geven to under-

stande that from Mr. Bowes, her Majesties Agent in Scotlande, he is advertised that the King of Scottes and his Councell are very well contented that Will Elliot, *alias* "Will of the Mill," for intercepting of her Majesties packette, shalbe executed in suche sort and manner as her Majestie shall like of, he is geven to understande that for the manner of his execucion their Lordships doe wishe it maie be don according to the custome of the Borders, and as nere unto the place where the facte was comitted as maye be.

The cap trade.

A letter to the Sherife of the countie of Norffolk that where there is one John Bailif by vertue of her Majesties Letters Patentes licensed to execute a Statute made for the mainetenance of capps, which cheifelie concernethe the releife of a greate number of her Majesties pore subjectes; forasmuche as their Lordships are geven to understande that the said Bailfe (*sic*) dothe greately abuse the authoritie where he comethe, their Lordships doe therfore require him to lay waight for the said Bailiffe within that county of Suffolk (*sic*) (where he dothe for the moste part frequent), and to apprehend him, taking from him his said Letters Patentes, and to sende them, together with his personne, unto their Lordships under safe garde.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Suffolk of the like tenor.

Arrest of pirates.

A letter to Mr. Cromer that where their Lordships do understande by his letter of the vjth of this presente the care he hathe had since the receipt of their Lordships' letters of the xxijth of the last for the apprehencion of Thomas Wilson, wherein as yet he hathe not prevailed, but hathe neverthelesse apprehended Griffithe Yeavans and Robert Austine, who have lately accompanyed him at the seas; wherefore their Lordships do yielde him their right hartye thankes, desiering hym to continewe his searche for the said Willson that (if at any tyme he shall come into those partes) by his foresight he maie be apprehended; and for Yeavans

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and Austyne, yf he shall finde no furder matter against them then appeareth by their confessions, their Lordships thinck it mete that he set them at libertye.

The Family of Love.

A letter to the Bishop of London that their Lordships being geven to understand by his letters of iij^de^ of this presente signifieng his proceadinges with those of her Majesties Garde suspected to be of the Family of Love, whome their Lordships latelie sent unto him to be conferred withall, whereby it appearethe they are in all pointes of Religion verie sound; for which his paines their Lordships doe right hartely thanke hym, and do pray him to signifie from their Lordships that they are very well contented they shall enjoye their liberties at the Courte, and attende as they have done on her Majesties service; but before they returne hether their Lordships thincke it meete that they repaire into some strete out of the Cittie, where they may remaine for to take the ayer for v or vj dayes.

A long imprisonment.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that where in the xiij^th^ yeare of the Quenes Majesties raigne an indictment was drawen againste John Prestall, nowe prisoner in the Tower, which indictment at this presente is for diverse consideracions to be perused, and the same having ben framed uppon certen letters and papers which as their Lordships thincke do remaine either with his Lordship or suche as drewe the said indictment; forasmuche as their [Lordships] desire for the better understanding of the principles, causes and groundes of the said indictment to have the sight of those papers and letters, doe desire his Lordship yf they remaine not in his custodie to geve presente order unto suche as have them, that they maie fourthwith be brought unto their Lordships.

The forcible possession.

Two warrantes of one tennore to all officers for the apprehending of those that were the mainetainers of the force within the mannour of Drayton Basset, in the countie of Stafford, and are escaped from that place since the force contynued.

* *xiiij Octobris*, 1578.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Letters of summons.

A letter to Richard Shelley of Worminghurste, requiring him to deliver the possession of the mannour of Worminghurst and other landes to his nephew, Henry Shelley, or els to make his apparence here before their Lordships by the xxviijth of this presente, at the furtheste, to answere thereunto, according to a mynute remaining in the Counsell Cheste.

A letter to William Cumbers requiring him fourthwith to make his personall apparence before their Lordships to answere unto suche thinges as are to be objected againste hym. p. 270.

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Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Sir J. Killigrew and Ambrose Digby.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde that where their Lordships do understande by his Lordship's letter of the xxjth of Julie, as also by the deposicions of sundry personnes concerning the matter in controversie betwene Sir John Killigrewe, knight, and Ambrose Digby, esquire, the paines his Lordship hath taken therein, wherefore their Lordships doe yeilde him their hartie thanckes; and where his Lordship with others having had th'examinacion thereof doe thincke it great reason that Sir John shoulde paie unto Mr. Digby in consideracion of his hurtes received and other charges otherwise one hundred poundes, whereunto Sir John refusethe to yeilde as appeareth by his answere sett downe

* The date and names are given in the margin.

in writing, their Lordships notwithstanding thincke it verie mete and so do therfore desire his Lordship to call the said Sir John Killigrewe before him againe, and to geve order unto him as so required from their Lordships that he faile not accordingly to paie unto the said Ambrose Digby the said some of one hundred poundes at suche tymes as his Lordship shall thincke convenient; and withall his Lordship is desired (for the quiete of them selves and the country) to endeavour to make them frinds, which if his Lordship shall not compasse, then is he desired to bynde them both to the peace for them selves and their servauntes; and if Sir John Killiegrewe shall upon this their Lordships' comandement obstinatelie refuse to paie the said c^{li}, then to commaunde him to appeare fourthwith before their Lordships to shewe cause why he shoulde refuse to yeilde thereunto, that therupon such furder order maie be taken therein as shalbe thought convenient.

France and Scotland.

A letter to the Maiour of Rye that where their Lordships are geven to understande, by their letter of the xiiijth of this presente, that they have made staie of certen Scottishmen coming to Rye with intent to passe over into Fraunce, professing them selves to be merchantes, of whome Frauncis Steward and James Linsey, beinge verie younge men, are with the rest in their passeport from Yermouthe named merchauntes, and seme unto him to make the cause of their travaile to be onlie to se the count[r]ie of Fraunce; forasmuche as their disguising cariethe a vehement suspicion of no good intent, their Lordships have therfore thought good, and so do require him (before they be suffered to passe) againe to examyn those that professe them selves to be merchauntes, and of what places they are in Scotlande, how long they have used the trade of merchandize, in what kinde of merchaundize their trade dothe moste consiste, and what moved them rather to passe throughe Englande then to have taken the sea imediatelie from Scotlande; and for Lynsey and Stewarde to doe their beste indevours, aswell by examining of them particulerly as by the severall examinacion of the

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rest of their companie, to sifte oute who they are and whether one of them be not sonne to the Lord Bothwell in Scotland; and for his better proceading herein he is to call unto him onlie two or three of the discreatest of his brethren to assiste him in the taking of their examinacions, and to use their discreacions for the framing of suche furder interrogatories as they shall thincke convenient for the better discovering of the persons and their intent of their travailing into Fraunce; and their examinacions taken to sende them to their Lordships together with their opinions of the personnes, and in the meane while to use them according to their Lordships' firste direction.

A letter to Benet Cubit and John Coldham, Bailifes of the towne of Greate Yermouth, that where of late they have geven their passeporte to certen Scotishmen repeiring to that towne of Yearmouthe with intent to passe over into France, where after they had remained xiiij daies and were withhelde with contrarie of wynde from passing there hence, they have semed verie boldly to countenance them with their said passeporte to passe unto Rye, which savereth of greate presumption, that they, being officers of an inferior place, shoulde take upon them to lycence or geve testimonie unto strangers for their passing throghe the realme, th'autoritie whereof restethe onlie in her Majestie and those of her Privie Councell; they are therefore advertised of her Highnes' greate misliking of their overboldnes in this behaulf, and withall advised to have regarde that hereafter the like faulte be not by them committed, as they tender their owne well doinge and will answere the contrary uppon their allegeance. A reproof.

Their Lordships did rather expecte at their handes so muche discrecion that they woulde have geven significacion unto their Lordships of the arrivall of any suche strangers in their port before their (*sic*) woulde have geven their passeporte, for their owne liberties. * *Postscript.*

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Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A suspected person detained.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of Winchester that where their Lordships do understande, by his letter of the xvth of this presente, that one Anthonie Uvedall, gentleman, attempting to passe into Spaigne, hathe ben discovered and stayed by Thomas Holmes, Searcher of the porte of Southampton, who before that having ben before his Lordship and others the Highe Commissioners, upon conference yeilded to conformitie and entred into bandes therefore, hathe notwithstanding forfeited the same by contynuance of his former obstinacie; he is therfore required upon the receipte hereof to geve order to the Maiour of Southampton, in whose custodie he remainethe, that he be fourthwith sent hether unto their Lordships under sure garde, and by the waie to have conferrence with no person whatsoever.

* W. Harteleye, 19.

A letter to Thomas Holmes, Searcher of the porte of Southampton, that where their Lordships doe understande that by his vigilancie he hathe stayed one Anthony Uvedale, gentleman, imbarqued there in a shippe of Bristoll to have passed over into Spaigne, whome their Lordships do understande from the Bishop of Winchester to be backwarde in Relligion; their Lordships do therfore yeilde their right hartie thanckes and do desire him to contynue his like care and vigilancie hereafter, that if any upon the like occasion shall attempte to passe over without her Majesties lycence there maie be staie made of them.

Disguised priests.

A letter to the Lord Russell, the Lord Norreyes and others the Justices in the county of Barke, that their Lordships understanding by their letter of the xijth of this presente they have (according to their Lordships' letters of the vth of September to make search for wandering disguised Masse

* Original marginal note.

pristes) made staie of Thomas Blewet and William Allyn pristes, and one Phillipes, backward in Relligion; for which their paines and dilligence their Lordships doe yeilde them their right hartie thanckes, and doe require them presentlie upon the sight hereof to cause the said Blewet, Allyn and Blunte to be imediatelie sent hether unto their Lordships under sure garde, that upon their furder examinacion suche order maie be taken therein as shalbe thoght convenient.

The Admiralty Court.

A letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmiralls, &c., and all other the Queen's Majesties officers, to be assisting to Peter Palluet for the apprehending of certen pyrates and furder ordering of them, according to the Commission graunted out of her Majesties Court of the Admiraltie.

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The Drayton Bassett case.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, the Judg of thadmiralty, Mr. Recorder, Doctor Aubrey, Doctor Forthe and Thomas Selman of the Inner Temple, that where not long since their Lordships committed to the Fleete the persones of Walter Harcourte, his ij sonnes and others as partakers in a ryot committed within the manner of Draighton Basset within the county of Stafford, wherwith he, the Master of the Rolles, is sufficientlie acquainted withall; foras[m]uche as the facte of it self is not to be passed over without punishment, and are therefore desierouse to have the persones and manner of the said ryot more effectuallie discovered, their Lordships have therfore made choyce of them six, requiring them or any three of them to make their repeire unto the Fleete, or to sende for them to suche other place as they shall thincke to be mete, to take some paines in examining of the said Harcourte, his sonnes and the rest according to suche articles as shalbe delivered unto them by Richard Paramour of London, upon which articles they are to frame suche necessarie interrogatories as for that pourpose [they] shall thincke moste convenient to them; and their examinacions taken they are required to send them unto their Lordships with all convenient speede as they maie, together with their opinions of the personnes and matter.

* *Postscript.* They are also required to call before them Walter Harcourte, esquire, who dothe presentlie remaine in the custodie of the Sergeant-at-Armes called Johnson, and to examine him.

† xviij^to^, at Richmonde.

A parson ejected. A letter to the Lord Vicecounte Howarde, Sir Henry Asheley, Sir Richard Rogers, knightes, Christofer Atill, Nicholas Turberville and Edward Laurence, esquires, or anie thre or two of them, that their Lordships being geven to understande that one John Grimborn, clark, hathe of late ben lawfully inducted unto the parsonage of Est Stoke, within that county, by an advouson graunted from Hughe Cheverall, who since his firste grante (as their Lordships are informed) hath geven a newe presentacion unto one William Fairechild, whereby a controversie growing betwene the said Grimborne and Fairechilde for the right of the said benefice, the said Fairechilde, assisted by Hughe Cheverell aforesaid, hathe violentlie entred into the churche disorderlie, accompanied with men and weapons, and by force in Service tyme caste out the said Grimborn, and dothe since withholde the said Grimborne from reading the Articles appointed to be read by the lawes of the realme by every incumbent within a certen tyme lymited by the Statute after his induction into any benefice, the said Fairechild and Cheverell intending thereby to inforce the deprivacion of the said Grimborne from the said benefice by hindering the reading of the said Articles; forasmuche as it appearethe to be a disorderly kynde of proceading to strive by force to obtaine the possession of the benefice before lawe maye determyn in whom the right is, as also by hindering the
p. 274. reading of the Articles that thereby the incumbent might be deprived, they are therefore required fourthwith to assiste the said Grimborn that by suche tyme as he is appointed to reade the said Articles he be not impeached either by the

* Original marginal note. † The date is given in the margin.

said Cheverell or by any other, and for that pourpose their Lordships thincke it mete that upon notice geven from the said Grimborn of the tyme of his reading, that they repeire unto the parish churche of Estoake and there assiste hym, and to remove the force yf any shalbe, wherein they are to have regarde that as the necessity of the tyme shall require they fail not to be there, least by the expiring of the tyme his adversarye maie take advantage of the Statute against him; and for the tryall of the right betwene them to leave yt to the due course of the lawe.

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Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Capture of a pirate.

A letter to Edward Fenton, gentleman, that where by his letters of the xiiijth of this presente their Lordships are geven to understande that he hathe taken one Thomas Halfpennye, suspected of piracie, and hath partelie examined him and certen of his companie; wherefore their Lordships do yelde him their right hartie thanckes, and do thincke it mete that upon the receipt hereof he do sende up unto the Judge of the Admiralty the person of the said Halfpeny, with some ij or iij of his companie whome he shall finde to have remained longeste with hym, to be furder proceaded againste as matter shall fall out againste them; and the rest to be discharged with passeporte to returne to their dwelling places, and the barke with suche thinges as were in her at the tyme of her taking to remaine where she is, till furder order shalbe taken by the Lord Threasurer of the disposing of her unto her Majesties use.

The suspected Scots at Rye.

A letter to the Maiour of Rye signifieng the receipt of the examinacions of the Scottishmen taken by him, and because their Lordships finde no furder cause to staie them (especiallie such as professe them selfes to be merchauntes)

he is to suffer them to passe over and to make staie onely of Stewarde and Lynsey, whome they are required to sende fourthwith unto their Lordships by sume fitte person to
p. 275. conducte them, to be furder examined here; and for his paines taken in the examining of them their Lordships do yeld him their hartie thanckes, prayeng him to have regarde hereafter that none be suffered to passe from that towne over beyonde the sea whome he shall see to carrie any suspicion of the intent of their passing over.

A family quarrel.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich, Sir Christofer Heydon, Sir William Pas'on, Roger Woodhowse and Mr. Castelton, or any thre of them, that wher there hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships a peticion by one Thomas Shittle concerning a matter in controversie betwene him and his wife, forasmuche as there be sundrie inhabitantes in that county named to be parties therein, whome by reason of their distance from the Courte their Lordships thincke mete to be examined there, have therfore made choyce of them fyve (whereof the Bishop and Mr. Castelton to be alwaies two) requiring them to call the said Shittle, his wiefe and suche others as are to be produced as witnesses betwene them before them, substanciallie to examyn the said controversie and accordingly to make suche ende betwene them as they shall see to be agreable with equitie and justice, that their Lordships be no furder troubled therewithe.

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Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Arrundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptroller.	

The Drayton Bassett case.

A letter to the Lord Stafford and the Lord Dudley signifieng unto them that at the repeire hether of the Sherife of the countie of Stafford, according to their Lordships' letters written unto them for his apparence, they received their's

of the xvth of this presente, whereby they certifie the delivery of the possession of the manour of Draighton Basset unto Mr. Ferrers, and the apprehencion of suche as mainetained the force within the said mannour, understanding thereby what care they have taken from tyme to tyme, for the which their Lordships do yeilde them their hartie thanckes; and for the lawyers notified by their letters to have geven their advise for the mainetenance of the ryotte, namelie, Ralfe Adderley and Richard Crompton, mentioned in their letters, they are therefore [re]quired to take order with them for their apparence before their Lordships, prayeng them to have regarde that suche as are apprehended and committed for the ryott maie be contynued in salf custodye till suche tyme as furder order shalbe taken with them; and in the meane tyme they are required to continewe their care to the finding out of the bottom thereof, and of the personnes that are otherwise to be charged therewith, wherein as they shall well deserve of her Majestie so their Lordships wilbe readie to make report of their forwardnes accordinglye.

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The Admiralty Court and piracy.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie that where there is of late apprehended at the seas by Mr. Fenton one Thomas Halfpennie, whome with others of his companie their Lordships have appointed to be sent unto him to be examined and committed, and as there shall appeare sufficient matter against them so to proceade with them according to the laues in that behalf provided; he shall receive herewith certen examinacions of the said Halfpeny and of some of his companie taken by the said Edward Fenton, which maie furder directe him for his proceading againste them.

Frobisher's third voyage.

* A letter to Mr. Fanchawe signifieng that where in this third voiage of Mr. Furbusher into the Northe West partes diverse personnes of the Cittie of London mentioned in a schedule inclosed are to answere the somes of money totted

* This entry has afterwards been struck out in the MS.

on everie of them for the rate of their severall adventures in the said voiage, which at this presente is to be collected towards the answering of the wages of the mariners and others imployed in that service; he is therefore required imediatly upon the receipt hereof to directe a write to the Sheriffes of London for the collecting of the said sommes of money accordingly, and, being collected, to deliver the same to Michael Locke of London, threasurer appointed for the companie adventurers in the said voiag, and theis their Lordships' letters shalbe bothe to the Sheriffes and him a sufficient warrant and discharge for that pourpose.

* At Richmonde, 22 of October 1578.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daie Hughe Drewe, having ben bounde to make his apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councel, did according to his bande make his apparence.

* At Richmond, the 23 of October, 1578

Comes Lincoln.
Comes Arundell.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Letters of summons.

A letter commaunding Raphaell Vezy, broker of London, to make his repair and to bring with him fower gowns appertayning to the Erle of Ormond, which Vezy receavid of one Bartillmew Danyell, and to be heere to morrow morning.

A lyke to one Robert Laur to be heere to morrow morning by ix of the clock, and to bring with him certain peeces of cloth of gold and of sylver which a man of his called Thomas receavid of Bartillmew Danyell.

Appearance of a Fellow of Magdalen.

The same xxiijth John Travers, Fellowe of Mawdelen Colledge in Oxford, having bene bound by bond taken

* The dates and names are given in the margin.

before Mr. Doctour Llud, Deputy to the Vicechancelour there, and Mr. Doctour Humfrey, to appeere this daye before the Counsell and not to departe before he shall be dismissed by theyr Lordships, hath accordingly made his apparance.

xxvj^to Octobris, 1578, at Richmonde. p. 277.

Lord Admirall.
Earl of Arrundel.
Earl of Leicester.
Sir H. Sidney.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Nuns from the Low Countries.

A letter to the Bailiffes of Colchester that where their Lordships do understande by their's of the xxiij^th of this presente that they have made staie of certen yong gentlewomen arriving there out of the Lowe Countries, where (as appearethe by their examinacions) thre of them were professed nunes of the Abbey in Mechlin called Sion; yeilding them right hartie thankes therfore, doe require them to infourme themselves of the women what their frindes be, with whome they mynde to remaine within the realme, and before they deliver the women into their custodies to take severall bandes of their said frindes, in good sommes of money to her Majesties use, that in case by conferrence with some learned preachers they cannot be reduced to conformitie to be certified unto their Lordships by the handes of the said preachers within the space of two monthes after the taking of the said bandes, that then they shalbe fourthcoming at all tymes when it shalbe required, and their bands so taken to be sent hether unto their Lordships, here to remaine untill upon anie occasion the parties may be furder dealt withall.

Lady Windsor's case.

A letter to Mr. Atturney Generall that where upon sundrie complaintes made unto their Lordships of the misusage of George Puttenham againste his late wiefe, the Lady Windesor, for witholding from her all competent reliefe, their Lordships finde occasion to be moved with compasion to geve unto her suche help and assistaunce as they lawfullie maie,

and that in this peticion it is to (*sic*) desired that attachement maie be made of cxx^{li} to be payed to him by the Lord Windesor; to th'ende that their doinges in that behaulf maie be agreable to the lawes, their Lordships praie him, with as convenient spede as he maie, to send his opinion unto their Lordships towching the same, that according thereunto their Lordships maie geve suche order as shalbe convenient.

A letter to George Puttenham that where their Lordships have often tymes sent unto him for his apparence before their Lordships to have delt withe him concerning the matter in controversie betwene him and the Ladie Windesor, his wiefe, which he hathe hetherto forborne to doe, alleageng that by reason of sundrie actions betwene him and other personnes he durst not (without some kynde of protection) adventure to repaire unto their Lordships; they have therfore, to th'ende he maie avoyde anie arreste, attachement or impediment like to hapen unto him by anie actions or
p. 278. suites in lawe withe other personnes during the tyme their Lordships shall have to deale with him in the causes aforesaid, their Lordships do by theis their letters protecte him for the space of xx^{tie} daies, to be imployed only in preparing him self for his coming hether and returning, and for that pourpose theis their Lordships' letters showed unto any her Majesties officers to whome in that respecte it shall appertaigne shall suffice aswell for his libertie during the tyme lymited as for their discharge in that behaulf; he is therfore required in anie wise not to faile of his apparence here before their Lordships with as convenient dilligence as he maie as he will answere to the contrarie.

A dispute as to land.

A letter to the Lord Keper desiring his Lordship to advise of some meanes for the helping of Henrie Shelley, gentleman, against Richard Shelley of Worminghurst, going about to defraude him of certen landes in Sussex, the minute whereof remains in the Councell Chest.

Combined action on the Scottish Borders.

A letter to the Lord Governour of Barwicke signifienge that her Majestie, having latelie received from her servaunt

Mr. Bowes this inclosed copie of a letter from the King of Scotlande to him, whereby maie appeare the great care bothe his Majestie and Councell have of good order to be kepte and justice don uppon their Borders for the contynuance of amitie betwene bothe realmes, hathe comaunded their Lordships in her name to geve his Lordship knowledge thereof, as also to require his Lordship at suche tyme as the Kinges Lieutenante shall repeire towards the Marches, to be in like readiness to yeilde to them such ayde and assistance as is requisite for so good a pourpose; and for that his good concurrence with the said Lieutenante shall greatelie encourage the young King in the firste enteraunce into his government to proceade hereafter in like frindelie sort in all matters that maie furder the said amitie betwene theis crownes, her Majestie would have him in no wise slake or short in answering so honorable a purpose on his parte; his Lordship not being able by reason of his infirmitie of his bodie to travaile in this service him selfe, maie geve order to his Deputy Warden to se that don that is fitt to be put in execucion.

Two other letters of like effecte, whereof one is directed to the Lord Scrope and the other to Sir John Forster.

* A copie of the Kinge of Scottes' letter to Mr. Bowes.

Right trustie and wellbeloved wee greete you hartelie well; we have resolved by advice of our Councell to directe two nobleman as our Lieutenantes to the Borders againste the iiijth daie of November next, either of them accompanied with a sufficient force of our good subjectes, inhabitauntes in the inner partes of our realme, for which pourpose we have alreadie set out our Proclamacions, trusting by this power, and the good concurrence and ayde of our dereste sister the Quene your Soveraignes Wardens that the insolence and misrule of the theeves that have so troubled the good subjectes of bothe realmes this tyme by past shalbe suppressed and they brought to obedience; we

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* Original marginal note.

have thought good to certifie you that you maie lett our course and intencion in this behaulf to be understoode to our said deareste sister and her Councell, that order and direction maye be sent the more spedilie to her Wardens to geve their ayde and effectuall assistaunce to the furtherance of this pourpose, so necessarie for the contynuance of the amitie and the common quiete of the Borders of bothe the realmes, for the which effecte we intende shortely to directe towards our said dearest sister a servaunte of our owne, but in the meane tyme have thought it convenient therefore to acquainte you with our resolucion, and so committe you to God.

At our Castle of Sterling, the xijth daie of October, 1578.

Your loving frind,

To our right trustie and welbeloved Mr. Robert Bowes, esquire, Ambassadour for our deareste sister, the Queene of Englande.

xxviij° Octobris, 1578, at Richmonde.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Arrundel.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Frobisher's third voyage.

A letter to [the] Commissioners of the North West Voiage that where the Queen's Majestie upon verie good cause hathe greatelie misliked the doinges of Capten Tamfeilde and others having charge of the shippe called the Thomas, set fourthe with the reste of the Fleete in the late voiage into the North Weste Partes, for that he returned home abandoning the rest of the Fleete, and at the arrivall gave out speches that all the rest of the fleet was miscarried; their Lordships (by order from her Majestie) having called the said Tamfeilde, the pilote, purser and others bearing office in the said shippe,

and examined (as tyme might give leave) the matter amongest them, which for that they charge one an other, referring the proofes to furder examinacion, have (for the better boulting out of the truthe of the matter), thought good to require them to call the said Tamfeild, the master, the pilote and suche others of that ship as are to be produced to wittnes in whome the default is, and substanciallie to examyn the same, and to certifie fourthwith what they shall finde thereof, that accordingly suche furder order maie be taken as shalbe thought convenient.

A warrant to all Justices of Peace, Maiours, &c., charging them to be ayding and assisting unto the bearer hereof by all good meanes for the spedie apprehencion of Humfrey Gennettes, esquire, Edward Jeffrey, gentleman, William Bolton, Richard Yeate, Thomas Henning and John Smithe, for a misdemeanure by them committed withiu the Forrest of Feckenham within the county of Wigorn, and being apprehended to se them and everie of them under sure garde to be sent hether unto their Lordships to aunswere as well for their misdemeanure as their contempt against her Majesties Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Wales. p. 280. Illegal hunting on the Welsh Marches.

* xxixth, at Richmonde.

Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Sir Henry Sidney.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to Doctor Ithell that where their Lordships do understande by his letters of the xxviijth of this presente, as also by a letter inclosed sent to him from Mr. Payton and Mr. Holmes, that by those gentlemen's travaile Evans Fludd, committed to them to be conferred withall, is so far forthe reclaimed that he is willing to come unto the A converted recusant.

* The date and names are given in the margin.

churche to heare Divine Service and sermons, promising the contynuance of his conformitie; their Lordships do therfore thincke good that he be released, taking bandes of him to that effecte, and do require him to have an eye and to be certified from tyme to tyme from the ministers of the place where he remaineth of the contynuaunce thereof; he is also to geve order to the Sherife (with whome Evans remainethe) that by vertue hereof, taking bandes of him as aforesaid, he do set him at libertye.

Statutory reading of the Articles.

A letter to William Pooley, gentleman, that where complaint hathe ben made by William Welles, parson of Harteste and Bocksteade in the countie of Suffolk, that he rather did with malice moleste Welles then of good meaning (as he pretendethe) to intitle the Queen's Majestie to a seconde Firste Fruites of the said benefice for not reading the Articles within the tyme limited by the Statute, which are partelie perswaded to beleve by reason of an instrument autenticall shewed unto their Lordships certifieng the deposicion of three wittnesses in the behaulf of Welles, as also by letters from the Bishop and Deane of Norwich afirming the contencion to be grounded upon some malice he bearethe him; for which cause Mr. Secretarie Wilson, in the name of the reste, wrot his letters unto him, willing him to sursease his vexacion towarde Welles, or els to make his apparence before their Lordships by the xxviijth of this presente at the furdeste, which he hathe disobeyed and contynued notwithstanding his accustomed molesting of the said Welles; he is therfore now comaunded from hensfourthe to forbeare anie furder to trouble him either by him self or anie other, so as he maie quietlie enjoye the said benefice, or els yf he can shew any lawfull cause
p. 281. to the contrarie, then he is required imediatelie upon the receipt hereof to make his personall apparence here before their Lordships to shewe the cause thereof, that upon furder examinacion of the matter suche order may be taken therein by their Lordships as shalbe agreable with justice and equitie.

The xxx^th^ of October, 1578.

This daie Hughe Smythe, esquire, appointed (by letter from the Lordes) to make his apparence before them the first daie of Michelmas Terme, which being put of unto *crastino Martinj*, hathe before the begining of the saide Terme entred his appearence. Appearance before the Clerk.

The laste of October, 1578.

This daie William Pooley, gentleman, commanded to appere before the Lordes of the Councell to answer certen maters in controversy betwene him and John Welles, minister of Hartest and Boxstead with in the countie of Suffolk, entered his appearence.

The same daie Markes Okingden of Bushopstone, and Thomas Elficke of Seafourde in the county of Sussex, husbandman, being bounde by the Lord Cobham to make their apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell, have entred their apparence in discharge of their said bands.

The same daie.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Maiour and Bailiffes of Quinboroughe that where latelie (by vertue of Comission out of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie) there was attached in their towne the person of one King, charged with matters of piracie, whome they doe refuse to deliver (pretending some exemption from the jurisdiction of the said Court, which, althoughe it maie extende to civill causes, yet came yt not to piracies, which are onlie determined by the Admiraltie by speciall Commission from her Majestie); they are therefore required upon the receipt hereof to cause the person of The Admiralty Court.

the said King to be delivered unto anie suche person as herewith shalbe sent unto them from the Judge of the Admiraltie for the receyving of him, and thereof not to faile, etc.

p. 282. The Plague and Guildford Fair.

A letter to the Maiour of Gildforde that where there hathe ben yearelie kepte in the towne a Faire, the xjth of the next monethe, where unto diverse of thinhabitauntes of London do commonlie resorte, forasmuche as the infection of the Plage rageng yet bothe in the said Cittie and diverse other townes and thorowfares nere adjoining thereunto, the resort of people to the said Faire, yf it might be kept at the usuall tyme, might be dispersed into diverse places of the realme yet cleare; he is therfore required imediatelie upon the receipt hereof to geve order for the staie of the keping thereof for this yeare, and to cause the same to be published not onlie in the said towne of Guldeforde but also in suche other places there aboutes as he shall thincke most convenient, and from whence the greater numbers are wonted to come to the Faire and most dainger of infection is like to growe; and least the graunt of keping the said Faire by non usance might hereafter be called in question their Lordships meane to be suitours to her Majestie for her warrant for the putting of of the same for the present, in case by the learned councell of that towne it shalbe thought nedefull to procure the same.

Primo Novembris, 1578, at Richmonde.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Arrundel.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Leicester.	

Scottish claims.

A letter to the Judg of the Admiraltie signifieng that their Lordships do sende inclosed a bill exhibited by Adam Fullerton, Agent for the Scottishe merchauntes, containing the particulers of suche losses and spoyles as he complainethe

to have ben don againste the subjectes of that realme by pirates that are said to be subjectes of this realme of Englande; forasmuche as it is gratiouslie intented by her Majestie and desiered by their Lordships that satisfaction shoulde be don unto him according to right, their Lordships do therefore earnestlie require him (with as muche expedicion as possibly he maie) to proceade summarily to thexaminacion of suche profes as the said Adam shall produce before him for testifying of anie thing belonging to these maters, and furder to directe him with all favour what course the said Mr. Fullerton maie followe for the due profe of all thinges that hereto do appertaigne; and of all thinges that shalbe proved before him in this case, or that shall have * ben proved before him by anie other examinacions, he is likewise required to advertise their Lordships under his hande in suche perfection and with suche spede as thereupon their Lordships maie geve order for his satisfaction as is desired. p. 287.

xxi^the^ of October.

A letter to Sir John Throgmorton, knight, that where theire Lordships are geven to understande that the somme of cxx^li^ due to Mr. George Puttenham, husbande to the Ladie Windesor, is to be payed unto him, he is required not to paye over the said money to Mr. Puttenham untill suche tyme as he shall receive furder direction from their Lordships for the payment thereof. Lady Windsor's case.

† *Ultimo Octobris*, 1578. p. 283.

Lord Admiral.	Earl of Leicester.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Arrundel.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Warwike.	

* From this point this entry and the next are given on p. 287 of the MS., two leaves being interposed.

† The dates and names are given in the margin.

A plentiful harvest.

A letter to the Commissioners againste the Transportacion of Graine and Victualls within the countie of Gloucester and the officers of the porte of Bristoll, that where their Lordships are geven to understande that besides the greate plenty of graine this yeare universallie throghe the countie of Hereforde, Sir James Crofte, knight, Comptroller of her Majesties Housholde, hathe of his particuler store growen upon his owne landes within the said countie good quantities which are to be spared; for which cause and for that by meanes of the plentye the prices are suche as by the Statute there maie be allowed some proporcion to be transported, their Lordships have thought good to permitte the said Sir James Crofte to transporte oute of the countie to the number of 500 quarters of wheate, which quantitie, forasmuche as it is to be imbarqued in the river of Severne, their Lordships do require them to suffer the said Sir James Crofte, or the bearer hereof in his behauf, to shippe and transporte the quantities aforesaid, wherein they, the officers of the port of Bristoll, are to have regarde that her Majestie be duelie answered of her custome for so muche as by vertue hereof shalbe transported, and that ther be no greater quantities imbeselled then the proporcion in theise their letters letters (*sic*) contayned.

A like letter to the Commissioners within the county of Yorke and the officers of the portes within that county.

p. 284. (*This page is left blank with the exception of the following docket,* "Ultimo Octobris, *entered.*")

p. 285. The last of October, 1578.

The Lord Admirall.	Therle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Arrundell.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Thearle of Warwick.	

An entry repeated.

A letter to the Commissioners against the Transportacion of Graine and Victuels within the countie of Gloucester and

the officers of the porte of Bristoll, that where their Lordships are given tunderstand that besides the grete pleintie of graine this yere universallie throughe the countie of Hereford, Sir James Croftes, knight, Comptroller of her Majesties Howsehold, hath of his particuler store growen upon his owne landes within the said countie good quantitees to be spared; for which cause and for that by meanes of the plentie the prices are such as by the Statute there may be allowed some proporcion to be transported, their Lordships have thought good to permytte the saide Sir James Croftes to transporte out of the countie to the nomber of 500 quarters of whete, which quantitee forasmuch as it is to be imbarqued in the ryver of Severne, their Lordships do require them to suffer the said Sir James Croftes, or the bearer hereof in his behalf, to shippe and transporte the quantitees aforesaid, p. 286. wherein they, the officers of the porte of Bristowe, are to have regard that her Majestie be duely answered of her custome for so much as by vertue hereof shalbe transported, and that there be no greater quantitees imbeselled then the proporcion is in thiese their letters conteyned.

A like letter to the Commissioners within the countie of Yorke, and the officers of the portes within the countie.

2 *Novembris*, 1578. p. 287.

Presentes:

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

A letter to the Erle of Bedford thanckinge his Lordship for his paines taken for the compoundinge of the matter in controversie betwene John Stokleye and William Willes recommended unto him from their Lordships; which order in An arbitration.

so much as their Lordships doe verye well allowe of, albeit Stokeleye's wife accepted not therof, her husbande havinge now undertaken that both he and she shall stande to anye such ende as his Lordship shall make therin, his Lordship is required once againe in their Lordships' names to deale with both parties so as eyther his Lordship's former order betwene them maye take effecte or such other composicion as seme to his Lordship agreeable with justice and equitye.

A complaint from Antwerp.

An open letter for the assistance of processe of the Admiraltie upon the complaint of Petre Paille, *alias* Piere, as factour for ——————, marchant and burges of Andwerp, upon a complaint exhibited against Clerke, an English pirate, for the spoile of the shipp called the Hare, loaden with oile, cochianello and other merchandizes.

Frobisher's third voyage.

A letter to the Commissioners that where the shippes imployed in the voiage of Meta Incognita are nowe returned home all in safetie with Mr. Furbusher, forasmuche as their Lordships are informed that in this laste voiag diverse newe places and mynes have ben discovered, their Lordships doe require them to have a care in these matters, and to call before them the generall, the captens, masters and pylottes of the shippes, and to demaunde of them accompte in writing severally of their proceadinges in this viage, with discourse
p. 288. of the thinges happened in the same, and to take of them suche plattes of description of the places as they had made, and to forbyd them and others to publishe any description of the same countres.

They are also required to have due consideracion of the state of the shipps and goodes returned home, and to set suche order therein as beste maye be for the safetie of the goods and commoditie and credit of the country of victuallers (*sic*) and avoyding of the unnecessary expences.

They are furder required throughly to consider of the state of the works at Dartford, that with all expedicion some triall may be had of the true value of the oare broght home as well in this voyag as in the other before,

and that their Lordships maie be certified from them, for that her Majestie hathe verie great expectacion thereof.

The cost of the voyage.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Master of the Rolles that where Michael Locke is appointed to collecte a good some of money of the Adventurers in the voiag of Mr. Furbusher, according to a scedule of their names delivered unto him for the paiment of the mariners and discharg of the shippes now come, and for that it maie happen some of them will not make readye payment of their partes, or will refuse to paie the same, which would be a hinderance to the reste, by greate charges dailie growing thereon untill the maryners be payd and the shippes discharged; they are therfore required to be assistant unto the said Michael Lock in this case, and upon his complainte made unto them to call before them suche personnes as shalbe founde slacke in payment or shall refuse to paye their partes as aforesaid, and either to perswade them to paie the same presentlie, or els to comaunde them to appear before their Lordships without delaye to shewe cause why they doe not make payment accordingly.

A letter to Michael Locke that where the shippes now come home with Mr. Furbusher have broght home duble the quantitie of oare that was expected, whereby the charges of the fraight thereof and of the maryners and myners are duble the rate set downe at the begining thereof, as it is certified by the Comissioners thereunto appointed, for the payment whereof and discharg of the said men it is requisite to collecte of the Adventurers the some of vj^{m} ^{li} in money; and forasmuche as expedicion is to be used in the collection of the said money as well for avoiding of excessive charges as the mainetenance of the credit of the Company, he is required with all the dilligence he can to collecte and receive of the Adventurers in this voiag the severall somes of money due by them for the rate of their adventures, according to a schedule of their names and rates which he shall receive here withall under the handes of the said Comissioners;

and in case he shall finde any of the Adventurers to be slacke in repayment of his parte, then their Lordships thincke
p. 289. it mete that he give knowledge thereof to the Lord Maiour and the Master of the Rolles, whome their Lordships have appointed to be assistant unto him in this case, according to the tenure of their Lordships' letters directed unto them in that behalf.

The Marshalsea. This daie appeared Humffrey Genettes, esquire, and John Smythe, apprehended by warraunte from their Lordships to answere a mater of a riotte comitted in Wales in the Foreste of Feckneham, who uppon their apparence were comitted unto the Mareschall.

3 *Novembris*, 1578, at Richmonde.

Present:

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Lincoln College estates. A letter to the Rectour and Fellowes of Lincolnes Colledge in Oxforde that wheras by a subscription of certen Felowes of Queen's Colleg in Oxford a certaine lease was demised to one Thomas Coxheade from the sayde Provost and Schollers of Quenes Colledge, and that by the last will and testament of William Fetiplace, from whome the said Colledge had certaine landes, it was ordered that the said Thomas and others, the said Fetiplace's tenantes then livinge, should uppon the doublinge of their rent from time to time receve their leases, which by meanes of a demise in fee farme made by that Colledge hath not ben performed by the said Provost and Schollers; insomuch as the said Rectour and Fellowes of Lincolnes Colledge were appointed overseers for the performance of the will of the said testatour, they are required eyther to take present order for the restitucion of the said Coxheade or els for some convenient recompence

according to equitie and conscience; and for that it is said to be expresslye against the will of the said testatour that the said Provost and Fellowes should let out in fee farme anye landes which they had from him, and by doing the contrarie they have runne in dainger of forfeictinge xx markes unto the said overseers accordinge to the tenour of the will, they are required, in case the sayd Coxhead cannot be helped otherwise, to sue for the recoverye of the said forfeicture and to bestowe the same on the pore man for his releif.

The Bishop of Norwich.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche that wheras the late Bishop, his predecessour, gave by his last will certaine bequestes to the use of the citye and the hospitall there, insomuch as his executours (who are said to be condemned unto his Lordship in lawe in a great[er] somme for dilapidacions then they pretende to have executed) goe about to revoke such legacies so geven by his said predecessour; for that their Lordships thincke the executours otherwise to have had sufficient wherwith to aunswer his Lordship for dilapidacions besides those small legacyes, or if it shall appeare that they had not so much, yet they being bequeathed so good and charitable, would be litle proffit to his Lordship if they were revoked, his Lordship is required rather to seeke for the dilapidacions at the executours' handes by some other meanes, or if the summe they have receaved be not so much as they are adjudged to pay to his Lordship, then to forbeare so much therof as the legacies do amounte unto without troub[l]inge his neighbours by the revoking therof.

* With a *postscript*, that where it was also enformed that sundrye of the old Bishop's servantes enformed that certein legacyes bequeathed unto them were like to be revoked, he wold, uppon consideration of their cases, deale favorablye and charitably with them.

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The Mission to the Low Countries.

A letter to the Treasurer of thadmiraltie that wheras by a warraunt under the Privie Seale in Marche last there was

* Written in the margin in another handwriting.

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delivered unto him a certaine summe of moneye for the furnishinge of certaine her Majesties shippes then appointed to be set to the seas, wherof (for that the said service went not forwarde) a good proporcion remaineth in his handes, he is required out of the said remaynder to paye unto William Barnes, one of the masters of her Majesties said shippes, so much as uppon his accompt [as is] to be allowed by him with consent of thother officers of thadmiraltie for his charges in repairinge to Flushinge in Seland, and staying there for the transportacion of the Lord Cobham and Mr. Secretarie Walsingham, latlie her Majesties Ambassadours in the Lowe Countreyes.

The Law Officers.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall requiringe them uppon consideracion of an examinacion inclosed, taken of one Christofer Thompson, to retorne their opinion of the same in writinge that theruppon he may be dealt withall accordinglie.

The Merchant Adventurers.

A letter to the Governour, Deputie and others of the Companie of the Merchauntes Adventurers uppon a peticion exhibited to their Lordships by the widowe of one Edwarde Bright, late one of the said Companye, for a sentence geven at Hamboroughe; for that their Lordships thincke the same skant warrantable by the lawes of this realme, beinge don without her Majesties realmes and dominions, and thinck the peticion very indifferent that the matter should be indifferentlie delivered within the realme, therfore require them either to give order for the revokinge of the said sentence and execucion so granted at Hamboroughe, or els to appoint some skillfull persones of their Companie to attende uppon their Lordships to declare what they can alledge to the contrarye.

The Low Countries and the cloth trade.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, Master of the Rolles, Justice Southcot and Mr. Recorder, or anye 3 of them, on the behalf of the inhabitauntes of the townes of Harlem and Leyden in Hollande, &c., accordinge to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche advertisinge his Lordship how uppon examinacion of the matter in contraversie betwene Mr. Polye and William Welles, parson of Boxsteade, their Lordships findinge that the question touchinge the readinge of tharticles (beinge contrarilye avouched) would induce perjurye on thone side, have moved Mr. Poolye to surcease prosecuting the controversie any further, and uppon his yielding therto have enjoyned both parties not to prosecute those causes anye more, but to live in quietnes, wherof his Lordship is also required to admonishe them and to see the matter no more prosecuted before him. A clerical difficulty.

A letter to Mr. Poolye and other parishners of Boxsteade in the countie of Suffolk, that wheras the matter touchinge the readinge of the Articles at Mr. Poolies being before their Lordships was fullie compounded betwene him and the said Welles, and they contented to surcease all sutes commenced theraboutes, in respecte of thexperience their Lordships had of Wellys service in her Majesties Housholde, and for that they toke him to be both honest and fitte to discharge that place, they are required that the variances that were betwene the said Mr. Poolye and other parishners and the said Wells, their parson, maye surcease, and that they would charitablie live together and not breake this good ende and agrement made betwene them by their Lordships as they will answer to the contrarye. p. 291.

Lord Admiral.
Erle of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroler.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretairie Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The iiijth of November, 1578.

A letter to Mr. Genison, Auditour of Irelande, requiring him fourthwith upon the receipt hereof to take the accompt of Thomas Wright, late Surveior of the Victualls of the realme of Irelande, as well for suche sommes of money as Irish Accounts.

he hathe received from her Majestie during the tyme of his victualling, as also for the somes he dothe demaunde to be due unto [him from] her Highnes, and upon their consideracion had thereof to certifie what they finde, that thereby it maie appeare what it is that in right he maie demaunde at her Majesties hands.

An unjust verdict.

A letter to Lord Cheife Justice and the rest of the Justices signifieng that by a Supplicacion exhibited unto their Lordships on the behaulf of John Bird, now prisonner in her Majesties Benche, they are geven to understande that the said John Birde was at the sute of one Davie by the meanes of one Roger Charnocke and others condemned by a faulse verdicte, who mynding to prosecute an attainte according to the lawes, desireth (putting in sufficient suerties) to be bayled to th'intent to followe the cause; their Lordships at the instance of his brother have thought good to recomende the cause unto him, and to request him to shew such favour in the allowing of a *supersedeas* which he hath procured, and his bayle upon sufficient suerties as in lawe he maie; and because this bearer, his brother, would be lothe to beare the charges of the attainte, in case by consentes of bothe parties they desiere his Lordship to perswade bothe parties to some suche frindlie composicion as shalbe thought to be agreable with lawe and justice, the said Birde being contented to abyde his determinacion herein.

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Recusants in East Anglia.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche that where their Lordships doe understande that suche as were committed to be conferred withall at Bury towching matters of Relligion do persiste still obstinate in their opinions without yeilding to any conformitie to come to the Churche or otherwise, like as he had at her Majesties being at Norwich sufficient authoritie from their Lordships, yf betwene that tyme and Michaelmas no good coulde be don with them, to committe them to the gaole untill they should se cause to shewe them any favour, se is he required bothe towardes them and suche others as from Ipswich and other places shalbe

advertised to remaine so obstinate to followe the direction which then was geven to him.

He is required to apointe Sir Henry Bedingfield to make his apparence fourthwith before their Lordships, and that Windeham faile not to doo the like, as he writeth the Sergeant, his brother, hathe undertaken. * *Postscript.*

A letter to Mr. Recorder that where one Thomas Morrison of the Whit Friers hathe by collusion procured an exemplificacion under a Great Seale of a Privie Seale granted from her Majestie unto John Nicols, the bearer hereof and others, which Morison hathe by order of the Starr Chamber ben pilloried and comaunded to deliver the Seale unto the said Nicols; forasmuche as the said Morison still detainethe the same, he is required to call before him the said Morrison, and comaunde him to deliver the said exemplificacion under the said Great Seale, as also a warrant to all officers directed from the Lord Threasurer to assiste th'execucion of the said Privie Seale, which he also detainethe; and if he shall refuse so to doe, then is he required to bynde him furthwith to appeare before their Lordships to show what lawfull cause he hathe to detaine the same. Documents detained.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower and the Recorder of London that forasmuche as Harding can by no milde course of examinacion be brought to confesse the truthe of those thinges wherewith he is to be charged, they are (*sic*) required to be brought to the Racke, thereby to prove whether he will discover any furder matter then hetherto hathe ben wrought from him; and where John Sanforde, depelie suspected to be privie to the dealinges of John Prescall, who by no mylde kinde of proceading can be induced to discover the truthe, they are likewise required to put him to the Racke, and by meanes thereof to wreste from him the truthe of suche thinges as in that respecte they shall finde he is suspected to be privie unto; The Rack in the Tower.

* Original marginal note.

and what they shall wring from him they are to certifie their Lordships accordinglye.

p. 293. An enclosure case. A letter to Sir Thomas Scotte, Mr. Thomas Wotton and Mr. Haymon, esquires, concerninge certaine unsemelye speaches uttered by one Doctour Nemson, a Prebendarye of the Cathedrall Churche of Canterburye, both in a sermon by him preached in the parsonage of Saltwoode within the countye of Kent, and also in the presence of others against Mr. Customer Smithe touchinge an inclosure of a parcell of grounde begon within his manour of Oster Hanger, which grounde the Doctour pretendethe to be common, who beinge present before their Lordships, as he denieth not to have spoken against enclosures, so he affirmeth that he named not the said Mr. Custumer Smithe, nor dealt so particularlie as is enformed; for which cause they are requested to assemble them selves together, and uppon the perusinge of the informacion exhibited to their Lordships on Mr. Smithes behalf, to call the said Doctor and such others as shall followe the matter on Mr. Smithes parte, and to examin all that shalbe produced as witnesses on both sides, eyther to prove the complaint to be trewe or that the Doctour was mistaken, and thereof with other circumstances requisite to advertise their Lordships.

vj Novembris, 1578, Richemond.

Present:

Lord Keper.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Release on bail. A warrant to the Knight Marshall to sett one Capten Thicknes at libertye, taking his bandes in one c^{li} to her Majesties use of good abering towardes her Majesty and her estate for one whole yere next ensuing.

A warrant to Sir George Cary, Knight Marshall, and to his Deputy or Deputyes, and to other her Majesties officers, to apprehend the bodyes of Thomas Grove, Raphe Grove, Gabriell Filding and William Reynoldes, James Cuttes, Thomas Philippes, one Jeffreye, one Shiphard and one Wall, to be brought hither before their Lordships to answer soch matters as shalbe objected against them, &c. p. 294. Several arrests.

A letter to Sir John Throgmorton, knighte, that wheras the Ladye Windsor hath made complainte unto their Lordships against George Puttenham, his brother in lawe, who beinge sent for forbeareth to appeare before their Lordships, for that he is said to have committed the doinge of his busines unto him; like as their Lordships heretofore wrote unto him for the stayinge in his handes of suche summes of money as should be paid unto the said Puttenham or him self, or any other in his behalf from the Lady Windsor, as parcell of the said ladies joynture, untill he should receave further order from their Lordships, so he is now therfore required to repair unto their Lordships that some order might be taken therin accordinglie, &c.; and, further, wheare their Lordships are informed from the Vicepresident, &c., of her Majesties Counsell in the Marches of Wales that a certaine frame being erected in a copie holde of his in the Forest of Feckenham was riotouslye throwen downe and hewed in peces by certaine disordered persons, who beinge sent for by the Commissioner appointed for that cause by the said Counsell both misdemeaned them selves contemptuouslie towardes them, and also refused to appeare in that Courte, beinge summoned by an officer of the same, whereat three of them have appeared here, *videlicet*, Humfrey Jennetes, John Smithe and William Bowlton, they have ben committed for their said misdemeanour to the Marshallsea, and their Lordships have geven order to Mr. Atorney Generall to exhibite an Informacion against them the next Starre Chamber daie of the next Terme, to thintent they might receave such publicke punishment as shalbe thought mete; for which cause the said Sir John is required to be Lady Windsor's case and Sir John Throckmorton.

present him self if he convenientlie maye for the better informinge of Mr. Atorney Generall in the said matters, or els to appoint some other in his behalf and shortlie after to come him self; requiringe him in the meane time to forbeare the settinge up againe of the said frame, for as much as it is by the said persones informed that he therby goeth about to encroche uppon a common to the undoinge of the pore tenantes, who are willed by order of their learned counsell to exhibite to their Lordships
p. 295. what they can alledge therin, and he in like sorte to bringe with him what he hath to saie for his defence to the contrarie.

A letter to Mr. Atorney Generall, that wheras their Lordships were enformed from the Vicepresident of her Majesties Counsell in the Marches of Wales of a notorious riot committed in the plucking downe of a frame of timber erected by Sir John Throgmorton in a copie holde of his in the Forest of Feckenham in the countie of Wigorn, Humfrey Jennetes, John Smith and William Bowlton, the chiefe doers therof, havinge ben before their Lordships, are committed to the Marshallsea, and for more examinacion he is required to cause an Informacion to be exhibited against them the next Starre Chamber daye to be holden the next Terme; further geving him to understandinge (*sic*) that Sir John Throgmorton, or some other on his behalf, is appointed to repaire unto him to enforme him more particularlie in the said matter, &c.: and so he to directe his proceadinges accordinglye.

8 *Novembris*, 1578, Rychmond.

Presente as before.

A dispute referred to arbitrators.

This daye Mr. Doctor Withers, Archdeacon of Colchester, and Larrance Hollingeshedd being called in before their Lordships, after sume hearing of the matter on both sides, and motion made by their Lordships that all soch controversies as hertofore had ben betwene them might be finely

(*sic*) ended by sume indifferent persons that might be chosen without prosecuting or attempting any further sute of lawe, the said Hollingeshedd voluntarilye of his owne accord acknowledged and submitted him self to stand to soch order and end therein as shold be made by the Lord Tresourer of England, then present, and Mr. Secretary Walsingham, into whose handes he was contented to committ both the p. 296. band of the said Withers' father, &c., and also the Letters Patentes wherby her Majesty had graunted unto him the forfeyture of the said band, to do therewith as shold seem good unto them appon the making of the said end and composicion betwene them, wherto both he and his wife shold condescend without any molesting ether by sute of lawe or otherwise the said Withers or any others interessed by that title and band; the which motion being likewise by their Lordships made to the said Whithers, and he, being demaunded how he liked the same, he willingly submitted him self to abide the said Lord Tresourer's and Mr. Secretarye's order for ending of all such matters betwene him and the said Hollingeshedd touching the said former controversye and bandes; and theruppon it was ordred that bandes shold be made by eche party in the sum of three thousande poundes to the said Lord Tresorer and Mr. Secretarye that they, the said Wither and Hollingeshedd, shall abide and performe such award and order as shalbe so taken by them without any gainsaing, exception or further sute to the contrarye, to the performance wherof they and every of them bind them selves, their heirs, executors and assignes by the subscription of their handes to this present order made the yere and day above written.

9 *Novembris*, 1578. p. 297.

Presentes as before.

The late Marshal of Berwick.

Two severall warrauntes to the Threasurer and Chamberlaine of the Exchequier, the one to paye unto Sir Robert Constable, knighte, the summe of c markes for money by

him disbursed for sendinge of divers packettes of letters from Barwick to her Majesties Agentes in Scotlande, and from them hither unto their Lordships duringe the time of his Marshallshippe in Barwicke, another for the like summe to be allowed unto him for moneye by him layd out for intelligences, and spiall moneye for her Majesties service duringe the time of his Marshallshippe aforesaid.

An escaped prisoner.

A letter to Sir Thomas Shirleye, Sherif of Sussex, that wheras one Thomas Poole made an escape out of the prison of her Majesties Benche, for the apprehendinge of whome their Lordships granted their letters to all her Majesties officers, which thinge as yet is not done; for that it is supposed that he is concealed by persones of countenance in that shire, so as th'inferior officers dare not in that behalf execute their duetie, he is required to cause the partie aforesaid to be apprehended whersoever he shalbe founde within his Sherifwicke, and if he happen to be removed to some other place, to signifie so much to her Majesties officers there in their Lordships' name that they doe also the like, and to deliver him to this bearer who is authorised to bringe him back to the prison againe.

The entertainment of foreign merchants.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that wheras some controversie is moved by certaine merchantes straingers against a graunte of her Majesties made to William Tipper for the hostinge of strangers by her Highnes' Letters Patentes, his Lordship is required to call the Governour and other officers of the Merchantes Adventurers before him, and after informacion geven unto them of her Majesties said grant, to will and require them to advise amonge them selves what inconveniences they thincke maye growe to their trades in other countryes if the same be put in execucion here according to the Letters Patentes, which he is to require them to put in writinge and to sende the same unto their Lordships.

A letter to the Governour, President, &c., of the Company of the merchantes trading Spaine and Portugall, that wheras

at the recommendacion of the Lord Maiour and others of chiefest estimacion in that Citye her Majestie graunted unto William Tipper by her Letters Patentes a licence for the hostinge of strangers, and at the request of those which trafficque Spaine and Portugall there was an agrement made touchinge an order to be observed with such Spaniardes and Portugalls as should repaire into this realme, and theruppon a deputacion made by the said Tipper to sume of the Aldermen for that purpose, which notwithstandinge hath p. 298. not ben aunswered sithe the makinge of the said deputacion accordinge to the agrement, whereby the said Tipper is frustrated of the benefit of the said graunte; they are required that eyther they performe so muche as uppon the makinge of the said deputacion they promised unto him (so as he shold forbeare to deale with the said Spaniardes and Portugalles), or els that they procure that the former deputacion made by him for their sakes be revoked and redelivered unto him, so as he may quietly, without any their molestacion, have the benefit and execucion of her Majesties said graunte; and if they shall not doe the one or thother, then to appointe some of their Companie to repaire unto their Lordships to declare unto them what they have to alledge to the contrarye.

The late Marshal of Berwick.

A letter to the Lord Hunsdonne that wheras uppon the discharge of Sir Roberte Constable, knight, from the office of the Marshalshipp of that her Majesties towne of Barwike, it maye be that upon the accompte he shalbe onlye answered by the officers of suche fees as shalbe dewe for that office untill the daye onlye when he was so discharged, to require your Lordship to geve ordre that albeit he did departe from thence and gave up his sayd office before Michelmas, yet, neverthelesse, he maye be continued in the fee dewe to the office as if he had staied untill the end of the whole yere.

The Court of Requests.

A letter unto the Erle of Bedforde recomendinge unto him the cause of one Farnabye and an other poore man

complaininge against Sir John Killegrew, desiring his Lordship to shewe his lawfull favor therin for th'ending of the matters, accordinge to a processe directed out of the Corte of Requestes.

Treaty obligations.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltye and Mr. Doctor Abrey that wheras of late Archeduke Matthias had written unto their Lordships towchinge Tipper's graunt for the ostinge (*sic*) of strangers, forasmuche as the sayd letter and merchant strangers' request chieflye insist upon the Treatye of the entercourse which they pretend is therby broken, they are required to conferre the sayd letter and Supplication with the Treatye, and to retorne unto there (*sic*) Lordships in writinge, what they shall thinke maye, by the Civill Lawe, be answered for the maintenance of her Majesties sayd graunt.

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A mercantile case.

A letter to Anthonye Cage, Richard Yonge and ——— Carre, merchauntes of the Cittye of London, that wheras a controversye betwene ——— Bright, widdowe, and the Companye of the Merchant Adventurers have ben brought before them wherin they cannot deale, beinge trobled with other affayres, they are required to call the Deputye and soche other of the Companye of the Merchant Adventurers as they shall thincke meete, and upon examynation of the matter to move them to soche end as may be thought agreable with justice; and in case ether parte shall make unnecessary delaye to answer the matter or refuse their order, then to advertise their Lordships what they have founde and donne therin, and to appoint the partyes to attende on their Lordships, &c.

A French ship released.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that where there is staied at Harwiche a Frenche barque appertaining unto one Dunis of Diepe uppon suspition of piracie, forasmuche as it hathe appered by testimoniall from the towne of Yarmouthe that the saide barque arrived there in trade of merchandize and not to be suspected in that behalf, he is therefore required to give order unto the Viceadmiral of

that countie that onles he have anie apparent mater to charge the said Dunis withall, that he release the barque and mariners fourthewith.

The x[th] of November, at Richemond.

Presente:

Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Arundel.	

Piracy in the Thames.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that wheras their Lordships are gi[ven] to understande that one Nicolas Petite hathe of late committed sundrie spoiles upon divers hulkes and other shippes hanting the river of Thames, who (as their Lordships are informed) is presentlie at Margate where he inhabitethe; his Lordship is therefore required fourthewith uppon the receipt hereof to give order for his apprehension, and being apprehended to se him safelie delivered unto this berer, who hathe charge from their Lordships to see him safelie delivered at London. p. 300.

The Plague.

A letter to Mr. Doctor Fourthe, Robert Lewseye, Edward Bellingham and Barnarde Randolphe, esquiers, to restraine certen players within the Bouroghe of Southewarke and other places nere adjoyning within that parte of Surreye, who by meanes of the alluring of the people to their plans doe augement the infection of the Plages in London, and if they shall not obeye their order to see them severely punished.

Premunire in Wales.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Walles that where their Lordships do understande from Thomas Williams of Brecknocke of the apprehension of one John Jones, indicted in a case of *Premunire,* as also the attaching of one Richard Griffithe, clarke, a harberour of the said Jones, the one remaining in the gaole within the countie of Brecknocke, and the other under suerties for his forthcoming

when he shalbe called; they are required presentlie upon the receipt hereof to geve order unto the Justices of that countie before whome Jones remainethe indicted to certifie his indictment into her Majesties Benche by the first daie of this next Terme; as also to require the Sheriff of the countie (as so commaunded from their Lordships) that he faile not to deliver as well the person of the said Jones as Richard Griffith into the prison of her Majesties said Benche by the first daie also of the said Terme, there to be proceaded with according to the quallitie of their offences.

Lewd words and conjuration.

To the Lord President of Yeorke signifieng that upon consideracion had of thexaminacion of Laurence Horseley, apprehended at Hull for certen lewde speaches againste the Queen's Majestie, their Lordships thincke it mete before he be proceaded withall according to lawe that he be furder examined towching the rebells with whome it is suspected he hathe ben a practiser, to procure them some aide and reliefe from hence, and have to that ende sent herein inclosed certen interrogatories upon the which their Lordships desire he maie be effectuallie examined, and his answeres thereunto with dilligence to be sent unto their Lordships, that
p. 303. suche ende* maie thereupon be taken with him as shalbe thought convenient; and where by certen examinacions taken of one Prescall and Sanford, latelie committed to the Tower for like misdemeanures towardes her Majestie, it apearethe that one Emerson, a preiste, dwelling within foure myles from Stamforde Brigge, is to be chardged with divers lewde matters and especiallie with conjuracion, his Lordship is desiered to geve order for his apprehencion, and his howse to be searched as well for all suche thinges as do tende to matters of conjuracion, as all other writinges and papers whatsoever to be founde within his howse, and to sende them fourthwith together with the person of the said Emerson unto their Lordships.

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* This entry, with the other business of this meeting, is continued from this point on p. 303 of the MS.

A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon that where by his letter of the xxjth of October their Lordships do understande the decaie of Norham Castell, which appearethe to be so greate as yt is become almost altogether unserviceable; their Lordships intending to deale with her Majestie for allowance to be had for the repeiring thereof, do require his Lordship, calling unto him the officers of her Majesties workes at Barwicke, to viewe the decaies and to set downe an estimate as nere as maie what the repeireng of the said Castle will amounte unto, as also whether there might not be made with lesse charge then the reperacions will amount unto some other place of deffence as serviceable as the said Castle; and setting downe their opinions what course is to be taken for the doing thereof, that her Majestie be not drawen to furder charges then is necessarie, they are required to send the same unto their Lordships, together with the estimate, as sone as convenientlie they maie, that suche order maie be taken therein as shall beste like her Majestie. Norham Castle.

This daie Frauncis Lawgher appered here at Richemonde, being bounde to have made his said appearence before their Lordships at the Starre Chamber within x daies after the Feast of All Sainctes, and by cause the Terme was put of untill *crastino Martinj*, and thereby he could not make his appearence at the place and the tyme appointed, it is nowe ordered that for the saving of his bonde the entrence of his appearence here shall suffise, and is notwithstanding deferred and comaunded to attend uppon their Lordships the first daie of the next Starre Chamber, and not to departe untill he shalbe dismissed by their Lordships, according to the tenor of his said bande. The Star Chamber.

* 10° *Novembris.* p. 301.

A letter to the Lord Hunsdon and Sir John Foster, knight, touching the Borders, acording to the mynute remayning in the Councell Chest. The Borders.

* This sheet has been interpolated. The date is given in the margin.

The Borders. A letter to Mr. Bowes that where their Lordships were advertised by letters from the Lord Hunsdon and Sir John Foster, knight, that the said Mr. Bowes had informed them that the tyme appointed by the Scottishe King and his Counsell for the repayring of certen Commissioners to the Borders for redresse of the annoyaunces donne by the Scottishe side upon her Majesties subjectes and differred till the vth of December, by which delaie the Wardens thought grete inconveniences were like to ensue; he is advertised that herewith her Majestie hath sent unto him her letters written to the said King of Scottes, therebie requireng him and his Councell that they wold either appointe the noble men before named to the said Mr. Bowes, or some other Commissioners to repayer furthwith to the Borders and to joine with her Majesties Wardens of those partes for suppressing of the forsaid grievaunce and disorders, which matter, uppon the deliverie of her Highnes' letters to the King and nobilitie, he is required to recommend unto them and to advertise their Lordships of their aunswer; and, further, where Sir John Foster was disapointed of a meting on a trew (*sic*) daye appointed by the Warden on that side over against the Middell Marches, who also refused to aunswer for Liddesdale, from whence moste of all these inconveniences arryse, as shold appere of the said Warden's letter sent herewith unto him, he is to require the King and Counsell aforesaid that either the Warden that now ys may be sufficientlie aucthorized to aunswer the said Sir John in matters of justice, orels that some others be appointed to that roume for doing of that which to justice appertaineth.

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Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Walsyngham.
Mr. Secretarye Wilson.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche that by his Lordship's letter of the iiijth of this presente being (*sic*) their Lordships given to understand that Edmond Beddingfeilde for the recouverye of his healthe desireth to be removed unto Mr. Brownes in Suffolk, their Lordships doe let him knowe that they be verie well contented therewith, so that he appointe some lerned preacher to repaire to Mr. Brownes unto him to conferre with him for his conformitie and the saide preacher to declare unto his Lordship within 28 daies what effecte he shall have wroughte with the said Beddingfield, and the same to be certified unto their Lordships, that accordinglie suche furder order maie be taken with him as shalbe thought convenient. Edmond Bedingfeld.

A warraunte to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto Edwarde Stafford, esquier, the sume of xl^{li} x^{s} viij^{d} for his charges with others expended in their attendance uppon Monsieur de Baqueville, repaireng hether unto her Majestie from the Frenche King's brother, the said Stafford and the rest being appointed thereunto by order from the Queen's Majestie. The marriage negotiations.

xij^{o} Novembris, 1578, Richmonde. p. 305.

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Lord Cobham and Sir Christofer Allyn that where this bearer, Mr. Somer, one of the Clarkes of her Majesties Signett, hathe infourmed their Lordships that in the tyme of his late being beyonde the sea in her Majestie's service one Katherine Kelsame, late of St. Maries Hooe, hathe without his knowledg procured of Mr. Francis Nudigate a lease in reversion to begyn at Michaelmas next of the farme of Combe in the said parishe, of the which he had a litle A dispute as to land.

before his going over bought of her her intereste (being one year), and all her stocke upon yt, forasmuche as it appeareth plainelie that the said lease was gotten by coullored meanes, abusing him by bringing to him a supposed servaunte of Mr. Somer that shoulde marrie her daughter, a matter verie considerable; her Majestie misliking of suche dealing with anie speciallie being fourth in her Majestie's service, their Lordships therefore for avoyding of furder trouble have thoght good to desire them, calling before them the said Katheryn, to advise her to satisfie Mr. Somer herein to his contentment, and therein to be a meane betwene them; which, if she shall refuse to doe, then are they required to take bandes of her for her personall apparence before their Lordships without delaye at suche tyme as they shall appoyncte.

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Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Plague. A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Aturney Generall that where the Queen's Majestie is geven to understande that thinfection within the Cittie of London is so greate that the holding of the Terme would be verie perillous to the whole realme, her Highnes, tendring the good estate of her subjectes, doth thinke yt expedient that the Terme be put off until some other tyme; they are therfore required to conferre with the two Chiefe Justices how the same maie be adjourned with as litle prejudice unto
p. 306. the subjectes as maie be, and upon their conferrence they foure to repeire hether tomorrowe in the morning to signifie their advise unto their Lordships; and if the two Cheife Justices be not arrived at London, then to cause two of

the cheifeste of the Judges to repeire hether with them, and thereof in anie case not to faile, &c. The Plague.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where the Queen's Majestie findeth that notwithstanding divers orders geven for the stayeng of the infection within the Cittie of London, suche negligence hathe been used in the observing thereof that the said infection is dailie more and more increased, and that their certificates made weekelie of the deade are not don with that care that behovethe, he is required to sende hether the Recorder, with suche two of the Aldermen as dwell furdeste from the infection, with whome their Lordships doe intente to conferre for more straight orders to be set downe within the Cittie for the preventing of the contagion and sicknes of the Plague.

A letter to the President of the College of Phisicions in the Citie of London that where the infection of the Plague hathe manie yeares ben spred into moste partes of the realme, to the great destruction universallie of the people, and vaine order taken for the clearing thereof which have ben negligentlie observed, the Queen's Majestie therefore being moved with compassion of her loving subjectes, intending by God's helpe to set downe some generall order throghe the realme for the preventing and stayeng thereof, hathe commaunded their Lordships to write unto him, requiring him to call suche of the phisicions of the College together as are beste experienced to consider of the articles following, and thereupon to set downe their opinions as brefelie and pithilie as they can in some good forme according to the severall poyntes of the said articles, to be published throughe out the realme for the helpe and commoditie of the people in that behaulf; which they are required to doe with as muche spede as [they] conveniently maie, and therein to imploye their beste skill and judgmentes as they will deserve the good opinion of her Majestie and their Lordships, and do herein tender her Majesties care towards her good subjectes, and the same to be sent hether that order maie fourthwith be taken for the publishing thereof accordingly.

The Plague. Articles to be considered of by the phisicions, upon the which their opinions are to be sett downe substaunciallie, for the better preventing of the infection spredd at this presente into divers shires of this realme.

p. 307. *In primis*, to advise of some convenient receiptes and of order for preservatives to be used by the sounde and whole to deffende them againste the infection of the Plague in places where the said infection shalbe, and the said preservatives for the poorer sorte to be devised of suche matter as* maie be of smale coste, and to be had in all places where no poticaries are.

That for the sicke and infected of that disease some generall medicine be thought on, to be ministred unto them in the tyme of their sicknes for the curing thereof, wherein the like consideracion to be used, as well for the coste as the places where the medicine maie conveniently be had.

That where it is necessarie for the preventing of the contagion that the infected be restrained within their howses, and not to be suffered to resorte abroade among the sounde untill there be no dainger at all of infecting of others, to limitte in their judgments what tyme shall suffise after the recoverie of the sicknes to restraine them within their said howses.

Item, for as muche as the said infection is comonlie seen to take hold on clothes, beddinges and garmentes, and to leave also a contagion in the howses and places where the sicke are and have ben, to advise also of some fitte and expedit waie for the clensing of the howses and garmentes of the personnes infected.

The Queen's Bench Commissioners. A letter to the Master of the Rolles and others the Commissioners for the causes of the prisonners in the Queen's Benche that where not longe since, on the behaulf of one Thomas Bartlett, their Lordships wrote unto them that they shall call Aphabell Partridg, creditor unto the said Bartlet, and Bartlet him self before them, and to use all good meanes they coulde to bring them to agrement, which they have don, and do fynde that Partridge wilbe by no meanes

conformed to suche reasonable order as they thought convenient therein, but obstinatelie refuseth to yeild thereunto; their Lordships have therefore thoght good to require the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Lieutenante, with the rest, eftsones to deale with the said Partridg herein, and yf he shall persever in his obstinacie then to take bandes of him for his apparence before their Lordships at suche tyme as he shalbe called, and thereof to advertise their Lordships, that thereupon their Lordships maie deale therein with him according to equitye and conscience.

xvj° Novembris, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

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The tenants of the See of Ely.

A letter to Sir Frauncis Hinde, knight, Robert Paiton and John Hutton, esquires, or anie ij of them, that where more than a yeare since a complaint was exhibited unto the Queen's Majestie by the tenantes of the Bishop of Ely dwelling in Downeham, and thereupon the matter was committed to the hearing of certen gentlemen of the countie, and nothing founde againste the Bishop as his tenantes informed, they to the number of three score have submitted them selves and acknowledged their fault, onlie viij excepted, whose names herein inclosed their Lordships sende unto them, who stande to the verifieng of the matter contained in their said complainte; forasmuche as the Bishop for his purgacion desirethe to have the matters furder inquired of and examined by some suche fitte persons within the countie as their Lordships shoulde appointe, they have therfore made choise of them, requireng them to call the tenantes before them and suche as shalbe appointed by the Bishop to answer in his behalf the matters that are informed against him, and substanciallie to examyn suche proves as are to be produced to testifie the truthe on bothe sides,

and if it shall appeare the tenantes to have unjustlie complained against the said Bishop, then to induce them to make the like submission that the rest have don; and what they shall finde thereof to certifie their Lordships with their opinions, that if the matters shalbe suche as they cannot convenientlie ende between them, then there maie be furder order taken therein accordingly.

The Bishop of Norwich.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich signifieng the receipte of his letters of the ix[th] of this presente, cheifelie in answere of their Lordships' letters written unto him concerning certen legacies bequethed by his predecessor unto the cittie of Norwich and to reliefe of the Hospitalls there, that he shoulde forbeare to abridg of the testator (*sic*) in respecte the same was imployed *ad pios usus*, and to satisfie him self with suche other partes of his predecessor's goods as might be otherwise recovered by his executours; and because it appearethe that he is verie lothe to yeilde so muche unto their Lordships' requeste, alleging some causes to the contrarie, their Lordships considering the value to be smale, and bestowed on the corne and and (*sic*) the salt geven to the cittie of Norwiche, have not withstanding thought good to require him therein to suffer the will of his said predecessour to take place, and if he maie be moved to have the like consideracion of the other legacies bestowed on suche of his servauntes as are not otherwise provided, yt shall not a litle a[u]gment their Lordships' good opinion of him.

An Admiralty case.

A warraunt to Robert Browne, one of the Messengers of the Chamber, to fetche up Thomas Elficke of Seafourd, Edmunde Elficke of Blechington, John Harris, Thomas Stert and Mark Okingdon of Bushopstone, and to commaunde them to bring with them suche bandes as were either by them selves, or by anie other, taken of Jasper Swifte, Sergeaunt of the Admiraltie, for certen matters depending betwene him and them in Seafourde.

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Hugh Smith.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete requiringe him to bring Hughe Smithe before Sir Walter Mildmaye, knight,

and the Master of the Rolles, and to followe such direction as they shonld geve unto him for his libertye.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmaye, knighte, and the Master of the Rolles, together with certaine writinges of Hughe Smithe and certaine other gentlemen of Somersetshire concerninge the controversie betwene them, requiringe them to take some paines in the examininge of the said controversie, and to make some such frendlie agrement and composicion betwene them as they shall thinke reasonable, and endinge to quietnes and mutuall amitye.

For stay of process.

A letter to Sir James Dier, knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, on the behalf of Huggins, one of her Majesties servantes, requiringe him to geve order that the sute of the adverse partie of the said Huggins commenced against the Sheriffes for Huggins' debte maye be stayed, and bothe parties willed to repaire hither unto their Lordships to receave such justice as in reason shalbe thought meete and [in] soch cases hath ben accustomed.

A fraudulent debtor.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Justice of Englande that where heretofore one Augustine de Nale, now prisoner in her Majesties Benche at the suite of Innocent Conye, one of her Majestie's ordinarie servauntes, did by his bill obligatorie, bearing date the 15 daie of Julie, 1577, promise to paie unto the said Innocent upon the xvth daie of Januarie, 1578, from the Nativitie of Our Lord, the some of cxj^{li} x^{s} sterling, which, as well by his owne consent as also by the order of the Merchauntes Straingers of this realme, shoulde have ben payed upon the xvth daie of Januarie last past, and yet (as their Lordships are infourmed) by the law of the realme the paiement thereof is not to be made before the 15th of Januarie next coming, contrarie to the meaning of them bothe; and where the said Augustine, to defraude the said Cony and others, his creditours, by flieng out of the realme, goeth aboute during his imprisonment to be bayled, he is therfore desiered and the rest of her Majesties Justices that such order maie be taken that the said Augustine

be in no wise let to baile but with the consent of the said Cony, for that the money being unpayed concernethe the utter undoing of certen poore orphans.

Cobham Fair and the Plague.

A letter to the Bailiffes of Kingston upon Thames to deferre a Faire to be holden at Cobham, within the liberties of that towne, by reason of the presente infection, and to have care to kepe their towne of Kingstone free by their good heed to be taken for the prohibiting of thaccesse of people from places infected, the rather for that her Majestie intendethe to make her next remove thither.

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Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Complaints from Frobisher's crews.

A letter to the Commissioner for the Northeweste Partes that where their Lordships are given to understande that the mariners, pionners and others doe complaine that they are not paied and satisfied at the handes of Michael Locke (threasurer appointed for that voiage) of so much as appertainethe for their waiges and fraighte, they are required for the staieng of the clamourouse disposition of the said mariners and the reste (althoughe theyr Lordships nothing doubte of the honnest dealing of Michaele Locke in that behalf), to call the said Locke before them and to informe them selfes what sommes of money he hathe receyved, and howe they have ben emploied, and accordingly to see the personnes that doe complaine to be satisfied; they are also required to joyne some others with the said Locke for the receiptes and paiementes of suche sommes of money as shalbe received and employed in the maters and causes of the saide voiages.

Lewd words and the Pillory.

A letter to the Maiour of Chichester signifying that ther Lordships have seen the letter which he sent to the Erle

of Arundell touching the lewd speches of one Downer against the Quenes Majestye, requiring that he may[be] emprisoned by the space of one moneth, after on two markett days to be sett on the Pillorye, and then to be bound for one yere for his good behaviour towardes the Quenes Majestye and the estate, and doing this to sett him at libertye.

Wrecking in Kent.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where complaint hathe ben made that in Aprill laste a shippe of Roterdame, laden with divers comodities of that countrye appertaining to certen merchauntes of Antwerpe and Bruges to the value [of] xxvj$^{c\ li}$, was caste awaie in Aprill laste in Romney Baye within the county, and the goodes presentlie conveyed awaie and imbecelled by thinhabitantes thereaboutes, and that upon their complainte in her Majesties Court of the Admiraltie p. 311. Comission was graunted for restitucion to be made unto them thereof, they have (notwithstanding it was accompanyed with his Lordship's letter) recovered but three hundred pounds; his Lordship is therfore desired to call such personnes within that parte of Romney within his jurisdiction as this bearer, Simon de Sterke, shall nominate unto him, and are to be charged to have imbecelled or conveyed anie parte of the said goods, and to comaunde them by vertue hereof to make satisfaction for so muche as shalbe proved to have come to their handes; whereunto yf they shall refuse to yelde, then to take bandes of them in good sommes of money for their appearance fourthwith before their Lordships, that they maie take suche order therin as their Lordships shall thincke convenient.

A like letter to the Bailiffe, Justices and Jurates of Romney and Romney Marshe, requiring them to do as in the letter before to the Lord Cobham.

The Sheriff of Pembroke-shire.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Walles that where Francis Laugher, Sherife of Pembroke-shire, was bounde to make his apparence before their Lordships the first Starre Chamber daie in Michaelmas Terme for stayeng th'execucion of one Phipps, condemned for wilful

murder; forasmuche as by reson of the sicknes in London the Terme was not holden, and therfore Lawgher coulde not make his apperence at the Star Chamber according to their Lordships' determinacion, where for th'examinacion of his faulte their Lordships thincke most fitt to have him answer the same, their Lordships have therfore thought good to contynewe his bande till the firste daie of Hillarie Terme next, requiring them in the meane tyme to forbeare to proceade there with him anie waie therein; and at that tyme their Lordships meane to have consideration of the fyne layed upon him by them, so as the howse (*sic*) shal receive no prejudice therebye.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

A summons. A letter to Symon Norwich, esquire, for his apparence fourthwith before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell.

The Bishop of Norwich. A letter to the Bishop of Norwich signifieng that their Lordships having had some consideracion of the controversie betwene him and his Chauncellour, their Lordships thincke it mete for the better hearing and determining of these matters that he repeire hether fourthwith unto their Lordships, where at his coming, as well for those as other matters, he shall furder understande their Lordships' pleasure.

A recusant. A letter to Robert Savel, esquire, commaunding him fourthwith upon the receipt hereof to make his repeire hether unto their Lordships, and to bring withe him bothe his eldest sonne and a younger sonne of his called Shefeilde Savel, and thereof not faile as he will answere to the contrarie.

Lewd words. A letter to the Maiour of Marleboroughe that where there remainethe within that towne one John Sheppray, com-

mitted for certen contemptuouse speches against the Queen's Majesties authoritie, he is required presentlie to sende up the personne of the said Sheppray under sure garde to be furder delt withall here.

Staffordshire culprits.

A letter to the Sheriffe of Stafford comanding him to repeire to Draicotte and to attache the personne of one Robert Yong, dwelling in that towne, and either to send him up into their Lordships under sure garde, or if he be of abiliitie to take good bands of him for his apparence within vj daies after the receipte hereof; he is willed also to commande one Paine, vicar of Handberie, and Thomas Chamber to make their apparence also before their Lordships at the tyme aforesaid, and thereof not to faile, &c.

* W. Joab: 22.

The endowments of St. Patrick's.

A letter to the Lord Justice, Lord Chauncellour, Mr. Atturney Generall of Irelande, or any two of them, that where one Richard Fyan of Dublyn hathe ben an humble suiter unto the Queen's Majestie that consideracion might be had by her Highnes for some satisfaction to be made unto him at the hands of those that did enjoye two leases which coste him above viij$^{c li}$, which were taken from him at the erection of St. Patrick, one of which leases he had of Richard Brasier, then Auditour of Ireland, which was graunted unto him by Letters Patentes from King Edward the vjth, and the other of Edward Bassenet, Deane of St. Pactrick (*sic*); and forasmuche as their Lordships do understande that upon the like complaint made to the Lord Deputie there he caused Mr. Snagge to examyn the substance of Fyan his peticion, and to set downe his opinion thereof, it appeareth by his owne hande (principallie concerning the manner of Wicklowe) that the parties enjoyeng the benefite of the said lease ought in justice and equitie to yeilde recompence and satisfaction therefore unto the said Fyan, they are therfore required to call before them the Deane and Chapter of St. Patricke, in whose occupacion or under whome the lands and tythes leased unto the said Fyan do

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* Original bracket and marginal note.

remaine, and substanciallie to deale with them to have consideracion of a convenient recompence to be made unto him either by the Deane and Chapter, or by suche as have the use and occupacion of the same; and hereof they are desired to have some care, the rather for that the said Fyan hathe alwaies shewed him self a good subjecte, and readye in anie manner of service that hathe ben layed upon him within the cittie of Dublyn.

xxijth of November, 1578.

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A summons. A letter to Sir John Conwaye requiring him presentlie upon the receipt hereof to make his repeire hether unto their Lordships, where at his coming [he shall] at large understande the cause of his sending for.

The Drayton Basset case. A letter to Mr. Atturney Generall that where there hath ben of late a notoriouse rioyt contynued within the mannour of Drayton Basset by the Robinsons, as shall appeare by the papers and writinges and bokes contayning the manner of the force, together with th'examinacions of diverse of the
p. 314. offendours; forasmuche as th'example of so great a disorder wilbe verie daingerous if the punishement thereof should be neglected, their Lordships signifie unto him that her Majesties pleasure is that he consider substanciallie of the said bookes and writinges, and therein to conferre with the Master of the Rolles, who hathe all readie taken some paines in the examining of the circumstances of the said ryot, and the next Terme to informe the same into the Stare Chamber, where they are to be proceaded withall accordingly.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles signifieng the receipt of his letters, together with th'examinacions of the persons

remayning in the Fleete and the manner of the ryote latelie committed at Draighton Basset, wherein it appearethe he hath taken some paines, for the which their Lordships yeilde their hartie thanckes; and where their Lordships have taken order with Mr. Atturney Generall to consider thereof and to informe the same this next Terme into the Starr Chamber, where the parties shall then be proceaded withall, have advised him to use his assistaunce for the more better understanding of the circumstances thereof; and in the meane tyme their Lordships like verie well that the parties comitted, upon sufficient bandes and suerties for their apparence the first Starr Chamber daie of the next Terme, shalbe released, and so desiring him to take bands of them accordingly he ys to set them at libertie; in case their examinacions by him alreadie taken have ben set downe onlie upon their bare assertions, their Lordships thincke it mete that they be urged to confirme the same by their corporall othes, and thereof to have consideracion.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Baron and Mr. Justice Anderson that whereas at their last Assises holden at Lanceston, in Cornewall, among others one Vincent Engham of Kent was indicted and condemned in a matter of *Premunire* before them, who, as their Lordships are since informed from the Justices of that countie, was then mistaken and proceaded against by the name of Engham, he not being the person culpable; forasmuche as in conscience it is thought necessarie, his case considered, that her Majestie should be delt withall to graunt him her pardon, they are desired to certifie their opinions in truthe of his innocence, and the same to be sett downe under their handes at the foot of the pardon which is to be exhibited unto her Majestie, that thereby her Highnes maie be the rather moved to shewe him her gratiouse favor. A miscarriage of justice.

Their Lordships sende them here inclosed the said letter from the Justices of Cornewall, wishing them to examyn as * *Postscript.*

* Original marginal note.

substaunciallie as they maie whether the certificate mentioned in the letter of the conformitie of the said Engham be true.

p. 315. Preparations for smelting Frobisher's cargo.

A Letter Patent to all Justices of Peace, &c., that where Robert Denham for her Majesties speciall service [is] to convey certen mynerals from Keswicke, Kendall and other places thereaboutes, to be brought to Dartford nere London, and shall for that pourpose necessarielie use cartes, waynes and other carriages, they are therfore required to se him provided from place to place of so manie cartes and waynes for this pourpose as he shall require at their handes, as also to se him furnished of horses, bothe for post and journey, with all other thinges necessarie for the better accomplishing of his voiag at prices reasonable, and thereof not to faile as they will answere to the contrarie at their perills.

A letter to Sir Henry Curwyn, knight, and George Lamplugh, esquire, that where Robert Denham is appointed for her Majesties service to convey from Keswicke, &c., certen minerall to Dartford nere London, and is to that ende to take up thinges necessarie for that service, their Lordships have accompanied him with their warrant for the taking up of cartes, waynes, &c.; althoughe their Lordships doubt not but the same wilbe sufficient in all places where he shall come, yet they thincke it not amisse to require them in the places nere about (if it shalbe nedefull) to be ayding and assisting unto him in all that they maie, causing him to be furnished of suche thinges as he shall necessarilie want for the furdering of this her Majesties service.

A Letter Patent to all Justices of Peace, &c., comanding them to be ayding and assisting unto ————————, appointed for her Majesties speciall service to conveye certen owre and mynerals from the West Partes to Dartford nere London, and for that pourpose to se him furnished either of convenient shipping, yf he shall so require, or of so manie sufficient cartes, waynes and temes, and with horses either for post or journey, for the better and more spedier conveyance of the said owre and myneralls, as he shall require at their hands at prices reasonable.

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Present:

Lord Keper.	Earl Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erle of Warwick.	

Common rights and enclosures.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches, &c., that where Humfreye Jennettes, John Smithe and William Bowen beinge sent for by their Lordships touchinge a riotte by them committed in pluckinge downe and hewinge in peces a fraime set up by Sir John Throgmorton, knight, in the Forest of Feckenham, were by their Lordships committed to the prison of the Marshallsey and order geven to Mr. Attorneye Generall (with th'advice of Mr. Throgmorton or some sent from him to informe him particularlie of the matter) to exhibite an Informacion against them in the Starre Chamber the first Starre Chamber daie of the next Terme which as then beinge not holden was put over to the next Terme, and the parties bounde to appeare before their Lordships the first Starre Chamber daie of the next Hillarie Terme, and there to abide the order and awarde of the Courte; forasmuch as their Lordships are enformed that sundrie other persones for the same facte were by that Counsell imprisoned and so remaine, and others for feare of imprisonment absente them selves, they are required to sett them at libertie, and not to molest any of them, but only to take thexaminations both of sume of the chiefest of them touchinge the maner of the riotte, and to sende them upp unto their Lordships against the next Terme, takinge in the meane time sufficient bandes for their forthcominge and abiding the order which shalbe made in the Starre Chamber; taking also bandes and suerties of 4 or five of the principall offendours for their apparaunce before their Lordships at or before the said first Starre Chamber daie of the next Terme; further they are willed to declare unto the tenantes

that it is not intended that they shall in anye wise be prejudiced in such right as they pretende to have in the common, and that the controversie shalbe hearde and determined accordinge to justice.

p. 317. Priests in disguise.

A letter to Mr. Frauncis Hastinges, Sir George Turpin, and others, Justices of Peace in the countie of Leicester, thanckinge them for their paines taken in searchinge out such lewde persones as under a disguised sorte wander abroade committinge divers actes contrarie to the lawes of the realme established for matters of Religion; requiring them toching Turner, who not onlie refuseth to come to churche, but also to aunswer unto such things as have by them ben demaunded of him, to detaine him in prison wher he is, without havinge conference with anie untill they shalbe further directed by their Lordships, who minde shortlie to take further order shortlie (*sic*) touching him and others of his sorte; howbeit, if he shall for his instruccion desire conference with anye, they are required to permit some honest and learned minister to repaire unto him, bringing certificate with him from them, and without their warrant to suffer no other to resorte unto him, and so muche to signifie unto the gailour of the prison.

A Committee on Irish finance.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmaie, Mr. Atorney Generall, Mr. Fanshawe and Mr. Osborne, advertisinge that Mr. Snagge, Atorney Generall in the realme of Irelande, Auditour Jennison and some others are appointed to repaire unto them, bringinge with them their aunswers unto certaine Articles propounded unto them by their Lordships, to consider of touchinge the better aunsweringe of her Majesties revenues, rentes, arregages (*sic*), and other dueties in that realme than heretofore hath ben accustomed, and are appointed to attende such further direction as they shall prescribe unto them; and for that their Lordships thincke no better order can be established in such matters then are practised in her Majesties Courte of the'xchequier here, they are required, uppon consideracion of their aunswers to the said Articles sent unto them and conference with them and amonge

them selves, to enforme their Lordships of their opinions what they shall thincke meetest to be done and observed in everye pointe of those Articles.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where William Tipper obtained a graunt of her Majestie for the hostinge of strangers by the recommendacion of the divers of the Aldermen of that Citie, thincking the same verie beneficiall for the whole realme and that Citie especiallie, which sithence by divers merchantes of the Lowe Contreis hath ben empeached, in whose behalf Archduke Mathias of late hath written unto their Lordships, pretending that the Treatie of Entercourse shold therby be broken, whereunto their Lordships notwithstandinge (*sic*) the said Tipper's grant to be nothinge prejudiciall, his Lordship is required to shewe the said Tipper such favour and assistance for thexecucion of the said grant as lawfullie from time [to time] he shall require, their Lordships minding to sende such answer unto the Archduke as they trust he will rest satisfied withall. p. 318. The entertainment of foreign merchants.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Malbie, Mr. Snagge, Mr. Jenison, Mr. Edward Waterhouse, and Roger Maneringe, requiringe them to assemble them selves together assone as convenientlie they maie, and to consider of the Articles inclosed touchinge the state of her Majesties realme of Irelande, and to set downe in writinge a severall aunswer unto everie of them what in their opinions is meetest for the furtherance of her Majesties service in that behalf, and having done the same, to repaire unto the Chancelour of thexchequier and Mr. Atorney Generall, exhibiting unto them these their Lordships' letters and aunswers unto tharticles aforesaid, and gevinge attendance uppon them for more conference to be had with them as they shall appointe. Irish finance.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete that whereas John Trever ys nowe prisoner under his charge, that he would detaine him in his custodie untill that he shall put in such suerties before the Judges Delegates as his wife, Marie Trever, shall like of, to answer before them to suche thinges p. 319. A matrimonial case.

as she shall objecte against them, and in no wise to discharge him otherwise.

Novembris 28, 1578.

Present:

Lord Keper.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

Unlawful hunting.

A warraunt to Richard Farrour, one of the Messingers of her Majesties Chamber, to repaire to the dwelling places, &c., of George Culpeper, Edward Michelburn and Thomas Rickson, and to charge them to appeare before their Lordships within vj daies after they shalbe warned to aunswer for their unlawfull hunting in certaine of the Lord Dacres parkes.

An arbitration.

A letter to Mr. Chancellour of thexchequier and Lord Chief Justice requiringe them to take some paines in compoundinge of the matter in controversie betwene Mr. Abington and Mr. Talbot, who have voluntarie before their Lordships submitted them selves to abide their order and awarde therin, and are contented to enter into such bandes as they shall make for the performance of the said order so to be made betwene them.

* *Postscript.*

The possession of the house and grounde in controversie betwene them to remaine as presentlie it dothe till by their awarde it be otherwise ordered.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

A letter to the Lord Chief Baron and Mr. Sergeant Anderson touching the controversies betwene the towne of Weymouthe and Melcombe Regis, requiringe them betwene this and the next Terme by vertue of these their Lordships letters to call before them such principall persones of both places as they shall thincke meete to be sent for, com-

* Original marginal note.

mandinge them to bringe with them all such chartres and other proofes wherby they pretende to maintaine on eche side the challenge of such rightes as they claime, uppon consideracion wherof they are required to advise and set downe some such ende as in their judgmentes they thincke agreable with lawe and justice for endinge of all the said controversies betwene them. p. 320.

A dispute as to land.

A letter to Edward Carye and William Mondaye of Wickham touchinge a complainte exhibited by Robert Rance against them and others for certaine landes wherto he claimeth to have right, and desirethe to have Commission to certaine gentlemen in that shire to enquire and certifie the trewe estate of the controversies dependinge betwene them; wherto before their Lordships would yielde they thought convenient to sende for them to appeare before them, that either uppon their repaire hither some good order by bothe their consentes maie be made by their Lordships, or els the matters referred to the hearinge and examinacion of such gentlemen Commissioners in that shire as bothe he and they shall agree on.

Priests in Northants.

A placarde to Henrie Norwiche, gentleman, for the apprehending of Anthony Palmer, late parson of Brampton Dingley in the countie of Northampton, clerke, and one Collier, a priest, Frauncis Donne and one Collwell, that in this service all her Majesties officers, &c., be assistinge unto him.

An Italian bankrupt.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour Generall in the behalf of one Petruccio Ubaldino, Italian, desiringe them, where he is endebted to divers persones, he might for the espace of one yere be freed from arrestes and molestacions of his creditours uppon some reasonable order by them or other indifferent persones to be made betwene them; their Lordships require them to call before them such his creditours as he shall name unto them, and to deale with them in their Lordships' names to forbeare him for the space of one yere as he demaundethe, and hereof they are required to advertise their Lordships.

p. 321. A clerical dispute.

A letter to the Bishop of London that where their Lordships are enformed that Edward Viderne, parson of Barnet, hath ben divers ways injuryed by William Viderne, clerke, their Lordships have referred the matter to his hearinge, requiringe him to make a finall ende betwene them, and if eyther party shall refuse to stande to reasonable order, then they are to appeare before their Lordships; his Lordship also is required by his letter to advertise them of their opinion of the men and the matter.

Lewd words.

A letter to Mr. Atorneye Generall with certaine examinacions sent from the maior of Chester containinge such lewde wordes as are deposed to have ben spoken by one Henrie Houghton, requiringe him with as much expedicion as convenientlie maye be to advertise their Lordships what they take th'offence to be in lawe, and how the partie is to be proceaded with.

An erroneous pamphlet.

A letter to Mr. Deane of Poules with an enclosed pamflet which one one (*sic*) John Wilforde heretofore made containinge matter contrarie to trewe doctrine and her Majesties lawfull authoritie; the partie is sent unto him and he required uppon consideracion of the said writinge, to cause him to acknowledge and revoke such errours as be therin conteined, to th'intent that uppon further certificate from him theyr Lordships maie take further order for his libertie as they shall see cause.

xxixth of November, 1578.

Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Warwicke.	

Lewd words.

A letter to the Maiour of Chester signifieng the receipt of his letters of the xxth of this presente, together with thexaminacions taken by him of the lewde speches uttered by Hugh Houghton and Andrewe Tailour, and that for Houghton, they shall shortelie receive furder direction; in the meane tyme theyr Lordships require him that he maie be safelie kept; and for Tailour, for as muche as he affirmeth

that the said words were spoken by Frauncis Elderman, their Lordships thinck it convenient that he should dilli- p. 322. gentlie enquire after him where he is, and thereupon to examyn him, being the principall offendor, whether anie suche thing were spoken by him or no, or els whether it can be lawfullie proved to have ben uttered by him or noe, and to advertise what they shall have understoode therein, that their Lordships maie take furder order accordinglie.

Wrecking at Rye.

A Letter Patent to the Maiour of Rye and to thofficers of the port there that where about the xxth of this present a hulke and an hoy coming within the harbour there were in a mannour wrecked, and the goodes imbeselled and carried awaie by the inhabitantes theraboutes, they are therfore required presentlie upon the receipte hereof to make dilligent searche for the same in all places as well within liberties as without, and to sease the same or any parte thereof into their hands; and in case anie of them shall refuse to restore so muche as shalbe proved to have come unto their hands, then to apprehende them and committe them untill they shall have made delivery thereof; and of the goods so recovered to sende unto the Lord Threasurer a true and juste certificate.

Ultimo Novembris, 1578.

Present as before.

The piracy fines.

Letters directed to the xj^{en} shires following for the collecting of the fynes set downe upon such persons as have ben founde to have ben dealers with pirates within every shire, and have ben buyers and conveyers of their goods, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

Cornewall.	Suffolk.
Devon.	Sussex.
Norffolk.	Southampton.
Northumberlande.	Somerset.
Pembroke.	Yeorke.
	Fyve Portes.

Lewd words.

A letter to the Sherife of the countie of Wiltes that where there is remayning prisonner one John Sheperde, comitted for certen contemptuouse speches by him uttered againste the Queen's Majestie, he is required immediatelie upon the receipt hereof to sende up hether the person of the said Shiperde under sure garde, and by the way not to be permitted to have conferrence with anie person.

Charge against an attorney.

A letter to Sir George Speake, knight, and Thomas Mallet, esquire, desiering them to take some paynes in the hearing and examining of a complaint herein inclosed exhibited unto their Lordships by Peter Silvester againste one Richard Cornishe, Atturney at Lawe, wherewith he, the said Sir George Speake, hathe alreadie ben partlie made acquainted, and thereupon to make some suche ende thereof betwene them as they in conscience shall se to be agreable with justice and equitie; whereunto yf either Cornishe or Silvester shall refuse to yeild, then they are required to signifie in whome the default is, that accordingly such order may be taken by their Lordships for a final ende betwene them as shalbe thought convenient.

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Sir John Killigrew.

The Lordes of the Counsel's plesure is that a Commission shall passe out of the Coourte of Requestes to Robert Treucreeke and Richard Trevanion, esquiers, to examyne witnesses upon their othes upon certaine billes of complaint of Henry Farnabie and James Provesse, and also upon such articles as shalbe exhibited on the behalf of Sir John Killigrew, knight, and to ende or determine all matters conteyned in the said billes, or any other billes alredie exhibited by the said Farnabie against the said Sir John concerning the title of a lease in controversie, or concerninge any other thing that is by Farnabie demaunding at the handes of Sir John Killigrewe aforesaid; and for other matters wherewith the said Sir John is charged by Farnabie,

as he saieth, sclaunderouslie, the said Sir John to be permytted for the triall of his innocencie to take his remedie at lawe; and if the said Treucreek and Trevanion shall not be hable, upon the hearing of the matter betwene them, to ende the same, then to make reporte to thearle of Bedford of their doinges, and thereupon his Lordship to have Commission to ende the said matters for the title of the lease, &c., upon the reporte of the Commyssioners aforesaid, acording to lawe, justice and equitie.

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Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Erle of Northumberland recomending unto him from their Lordships George Mallorye, gentleman, to be by him accepted to the keping of the Castell of Tinmouthe under his Lordship as his Lieutenaunt, so to remaine so long as he shall behave him self as appertainethe; he is recomended by their Lordships to that place as well in consideracion that some of them are well aquainted with the honnestie and sufficiencie of the man, as also for that his Lordship givethe good report of his service heretofore under him. Tynemouth Castle.

A letter to the Lord President of Yeork signifieng unto him that uppon the receipt of his letters with thexaminacions of Laurence Horseley concerning certen slaunderouse speeches uttered by the said Horseley against the Quenes Majestie, theyr Lordships wrote their letters unto Mr. Attourney Generall to understand his opinion howe the said Horseley might be proceeded with all for his offence accord- Lewd words.

ing to lawe, who certifiethe that if there shall appeare no furder mater against him he cannot be touched in punishement anie furder then as one that hathe uttered falce and slanderouse speches against her Majestie, althoughe there be great presumptions that his said offence shoulde be in the highest degree, which is to be drawne from him either by straighter imprisonement and examinacion or by witnesses against him; his Lordship is therefore required to cause him by sharp meanes to be furder examined to se if he will confesse anie more mater, which if he shall not be brought to doe, then to see him proceeded with all for his false and slanderouse speeches against her Majestie according to the lawes of the realme in that behalf provided; and to that ende theyr Lordships doe send unto him the examinacions receyved from him together with Mr. Attourney's letter writen unto their Lordships.

p. 326. Sir H. Bedingfeld. A letter to Sir Henry Beddingfeilde, knight, that where their Lordships are given to understande that uppon some letter heretofore writen he is on the waie repairing heither (*sic*), forasmuche as their Lordships are informed by Henrye Seckford, his son in lawe, that his sicknes and infirmitie is suche as he maie not travaill withoute danger, he is given to knowe that if he finde him self not of disposition to repaire up, that he retourne againe unto the place where he was committed, there to remaine untill furder order shalbe taken with him.

Secundo Decembris, 1578, Richmonde.

Lord Keper.	Earl of Leicester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Spanish Corporation. A letter to the Maiour and Sheriffes of the cittie of Bristoll that where it pleased the Queen's Majestie for

diverse consideracions to incorporate the merchauntes trading Spaigne and Portugall, and to graunte unto them diverse privileges by the which they are authorised to sett downe suche pollitique ordenances among them selves as might be for their beste governement and maintenance of their Societie, by vertue whereof they have, amongest other ordenances, made one that none of their Corporacion being a merchaunte shoulde be suffered to be a retailer; forasmuch as their Lordships are geven to understande that one Philippe Langley, a merchaunt of their cittie, conntrarie bothe to that ordenance and his othe at his admission into the Societie, dothe continew the trade of a notoriouse retailer, and refuseth to be ordered by the said Companie, they are required, with the assistaunce of suche of their britheren as they shall thincke mete, to call the said Langley before them, and to advise him to yeilde to suche order as by that Societie hathe ben taken against that kynde of retailing; whereunto if he shall refuse to yeilde, then to take bands of him to her Majesties use for his apparence fourthwith before their Lordships that suche order maie be taken with him as shalbe thought convenient; requiring them also to take the like course with as many others that shall, as Langely dothe, obstinately refuse in that behaulf to be ordered.

A letter to Sir Thomas Ramsey, Francis Boyer, Alderman, Doctor Aubrey, Doctor Forthe, Mr. Daniell, Mr. Owen and Mr. Aldersey, that whereas the Companie of the merchauntes trading into the partes of Russia and Muscovia upon their great losses sustayned at the seas by pirates and otherwise, have at their returne home (for the continuing of their trade) ben constrained to take up great somes of money at intereste, to the paiement whereof (their debtes growing verie burdensome) they have (by good order among them selves) extended the burden indifferentlie upon the Adventurers of their said Companie by taxing severallie every of the said Adventurers according to the proporcion of their adventure, whereunto the most part of them have yeilded

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The Muscovy Company.

and have accordingly payd their porcions, a certaine number only excepted, who refuse therein to be ordered as the rest, thincking them selfes not to be indifferently delt withall by their associates in the greatnes of the taxacion, and therefore have ben humble suiters unto their Lordships to appoint vj or vij fit personnes to be joyned with those of their Societie, as well to look into the indifferencie of their dealinges as their said taxacion, as to assiste them in the furder proceedinges for the leavying of such somes of money as are to be contributed by the recusantes; their Lordships have therefore made choyce of them seven, and do require them, joyning with such of that Societie as shalbe speciallie appointed thereunto, to call the parties before them and to do their best endevours to reduce them to conformitie with the rest of their Companie, which if by their paines taken can not be brought to passe, then are they to certifie unto their Lordships what they have don, and in whome the default is, that suche furder order maie be taken as their Lordships shall thincke convenient.

The Yarmouth fish trade.

A letter to ——— Gonfield, gentleman, and John Fox that where uppon their complaint exhibited unto their Lordships in October laste concerning the restraint made by vertue of their Lordships' letters for the sale of herringes and other fishe taken on that coste to be only at the towne of Yermouthe, in which their complainte they comprehended certen greifes sett downe in articles to be considered of and answered by the inhabitantes of the said towne of Yearmouthe, wherupon (as they know) their Lordships wrat (*sic*) their letter unto them requiring them to peruse the said articles, and to send unto their Lordships some two or three of their towne sufficiently instructed to answere the
p. 328. matter contayned therein, and required them in like case at the tyme of their apparence to returne againe unto their Lordships, that upon the hearing of the matter betwene them suche ende might be taken therein as should be be thought convenient; forasmuch as they have in this behaulf disobeyed their Lordships' order, having had sufficient

warning not onlie of the tyme of the repeire of those of Yermouthe hether unto their Lordships, but also were geven to understande by those of Yermouthe at the tyme of their departure of their coming hether, their Lordships do thincke it verie reasonable (after they shall have answered their contempt herein) that sithe they have caused those of Yermouthe to sustaine an unnecessarie charges (*sic*) in repairing hether, that they beare and paye all their said charges in their coming up and returning backe at this presente, and therfore do charge them not to faile to make their apparence here before their Lordships, sufficientlie provided for the proving of the articles exhibited, within vj daies at the furdest afore the beginning of Hillarie Terme next.

Sympathy with pirates in Wales.

A letter to the Bishop of St. David's, Francis Laugher and John Barlow, esquires, geving them hartie thanckes for their dilligent inquirie and certificate made of such personnes as are touched as dealers with pyrates, buyers and conveyours of their goods, and have ministred relief unto them within that countie of Penbroke; and because the personnes by them certified to be culpable are according to their severall abillities to be hereafter furder delt withall, their Lordships do requier them to inquire of their particular values bothe in lands and goods as they are in dede wourthe, and not as they are rated in the Subsidy Booke, and to certyfie the same under their hands with all convenient spede as they maie; and where they certifie of certen graine to have ben received by Mr. Devereux from Hix, the pyrate, not setting downe anie certen quantitie thereof, they are also required to inquire what severall quantities were receved by Mr. Devereux and others, and to certifie the same likewise unto their Lordships.

Surplus contributions.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Trayning of Shot within the county of Norffolk that where they signifie that of the collections made towards the charges of trayning of shott within that countie there is remaining in their hands an overplus of lxv^{li} ij^{s} ix^{d}, which they desire might either

be imployed to that use, or otherwise imployed to some good use within that shire; they are don to understande that in their Lordships' opinions the same cannot be better bestowed then to the use for the which it was firste collected, and therefore do require them that the same maie be reserved untill the next tyme of their trayning, and to
p. 329. have consideracion in their collection that the contrie be so muche spared in their ordinarye paiement as this somme shall supplie towards thexpenses of that tyme.

Sir Thomas Stanhope.

A letter unto Francis Rodes, Sergeant at Lawe, and John Byron, esquire, together with a complaint exhibited unto their Lordships by John Molineux, esquire, against Sir Thomas Stanope, concerning the defacing of the parish churche of Saxendale, inclosing of common, &c.; forasmuche as their Lordships are desirouse to understande the veritie of the said complaint, the same depending on proofes to be produced within that countie, their Lordships have made choyce of them two and do require them, calling unto them bothe parties with such profes as are to be produced for the testifieng of the truthe on bothe sides, substanciallie to examyn the contentes of the said complainte, and thereof at large to certifie their Lordships what they shall finde, that accordingly suche order maie be taken for a finall ende betwene them as shalbe agreable with justice, &c.

Drilling the levies.

A letter to the Erle of Huntington that where one Philippe Baynbrig, servante to her Majestie, hathe ben an humble suter unto their Lordships to write their letters unto the Deane and Chapter of Dureham to graunt unto him an yearely fee of x^{li} for the trayning of her Majesties subjectes inhabiting within their circuites, which he informeth of long tyme to have ben geven to a fitt man for that purpose by their predecessors, wherupon their Lordships ij yeares since wrote their letters in his behaulf, which have taken none effecte; and because he hathe renewed his sute unto their honnours, and that his Lordship is nowe to repeire thether about the visitacion appointed, their Lordships do

desire him to informe him self of the said Deane and Chapter whether there hathe ben heretofore anie such place and fee geven or not, and if there have ben, then do (*sic*) deale with them by waye of perswasion (as so desiered by their Lordships) to graunte unto him the said place and fee the reather (*sic*) at their Lordships' instance, the man being knowen unto some of their Lordships to be verie honeste and sufficient to discharg that service.

Letters into these xv sheires following for the stayenge of the infection of the Plague, according to a mynute thereof remayning in the Councell Cheste. The Plague.

Surrey.	Somerset.
Middlesex.	Devon.
Kent.	Cornwall.
Buckingham.	Northampton.
Berks.	Suffolk.
Oxon.	Huntington.
Glocester.	Hertford.
	Essexe.

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William Mondaie, of Wekeham in the countie of Bucks, commanded by letters from their Lordships to appere before them to answere a matter betwene him and one Rance in controversie, appered and entered his appearence the daie above written. Appearance before the Clerk.

The same daie, present:

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Sherife of the Countie of Stafforde that where there hath appeared before their Lordships one Robert Lewd words and the Pillory.

Young of Draycotte, accused for lewde speches against her Majesties Privie Councell and proved against hym by the deposicions of two sufficient witnesses, their Lordships do thincke mete, for his offence and example to others in the like, to awarde unto him suche punishment as the offence deservethe, and have therefore sent downe his person by the bearer hereof, William Gantson, one of the Messingers of her Majesties Chamber, and do requier the Sheriffe at his arrivall to committe the said Yong to close prison untill the next market daie to be holden at Lichefield immediatelie after the receipte hereof, and there in the market tyme to cause him to be set in the Pillorye with a paper on his head with these words: "For usinge of lewde and contemptuouse speaches against the Queen's Majesties most honorable Privie Councel"; and after he shall have stode in the Pillorie during the tyme of the market to returne him to prison, and there to remayne untill the next market daye to be holden at Burton upon Trent, and there in like sort to be pilloried with a paper on his head as before; he is required also upon the arrivall of the Messenger to cause Young to paye unto him suche fees as are dew unto him for conveying of Young unto him, which if Young shall refuse to doe, then is he required to see the Messenger satisfied, and Young, after his two severall impillouringes, to be contynued still in prison untill he shall have payed so much money as the Sherife shall have disbursed unto the Messenger, and then to set him at libertye;
p. 331. otherwise if he shall yeilde to paye the same upon his punishment received, he may then discharg the said Young after he shall the seconde tyme have ben impillored at Burton.

The cost of Frobisher's voyage.

A letter to the Erle of Penbroke that the Queen's Majestie being geven to understande that the maryners, moyners and others imployed in the late voiag under Mr. Furbusher are not yet payd their waiges for their service don in that voiage, but do lye still at the great charges of all the Adventurers, althoghe her Majestie and many of the Adventurers have payed their partes due for the same, and for

that upon the accompt taken it dothe appeare that for his parte he is to paie the some of clxxij^{li} x^{s}, and for the Countess, his wiefes, xxviij^{li} xv^{s}, her Majestie hath commaunded their Lordships to geve order for the payement of the said sommes in London unto the hands of Thomas Allyn, threasurer appointed thereunto, within x dayes after the receipt hereof without delaye, for that otherwise it is ordered that suche as shall faile to make payment at the daie lymited shalbe quite exempted from all maner of benefitte and privilege that maye growe unto them by their former adventures made in the said voiages. The cost of Frobisher's voyage.

A letter of the like effecte to Anthonie Jenkinson for the some of lvij^{li} x^{s}.

An other to Mr. William Pelham for the some of cxxxv^{li}.

A like letter to Sir John Brokett for lvij^{li} x^{s}.

An other of the same tenour to Mr. Thomas Randolphe for the somme of lxxxv^{li}.

A like letter to Sir Henry Wallope for lvij^{li} x^{s}.

A letter to Sir Thomas Gresham, Sir Lyonel Ducket, Thomas Allyn, Mr. Turvyl, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Yeorke, signifieng unto them that where by a note exhibited unto their Lordships by Michael Locke yt appearethe that thre voiages made by Mr. Furbusher, gentleman, do amount to 20,000^{li}, whereof 14,000^{li} and odd have ben alreadie disbursed; forasmuche as yt is thought convenient to understande particulerlie how and in what sort the same hathe ben imployed, their Lordships have made speciall choyce of them, and do requier them to take an accompt of the said Locke of the imployment of the said somme, and for the more exacte doing thereof to joyne unto them two of her Majesties Auditours, unto whom their Lordships have directed their letters to assiste them in that behaulf. p. 332.

It is also thought necessarie that the Auditours do se all the quitances geven severally by the said Locke, to make thereby a juste charge upon him for his receiptes. * *Postscript.*

* Original marginal note.

A letter to Thomas Neale and John Conyers that where her Majestie thinckethe yt mete that an exacte accompt shoulde be taken of the particuler charges disbursed in the three voiages made by Mr. Furbusher, for that the money imployed that waie amountethe to a verie great some, their Lordships have thought it expedient to make choyce of them for the better performaunce thereof, to joyne with certen Commissioners appointed by their Lordships to take the accompt of Michael Locke, Threasurer of that Companie, of the sommes disbursed by his handes about the voiag, requiring them to be assisting unto the Commissioners in thexacte taking of the said accompte, and the same finished to bring yt unto their Lordships, to thende they maye acquainte her Majestie therewith.

* *Postscript.* To th'ende they maie make a true charg upon the said Locke for his receiptes in this behaulf, it shall be necessarye for them to se the acquitances of Locke delivered by him to the adventurers severallie.

Stripping the roof of a vestry. A letter to Mr. _____ that there hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships by Robert Paternoster, one of her Majesties Chappell, the peticion inclosed, signifieng that certen persons of the parishe of Ely Monacorum within the countie of Suffolk, without consent of the patron or generallitie of the parishe, have uncovered and taken awaye the leade of the vestery of the said parishe churche; their Lordships, being desierouse to be certified the truthe hereof, have made choyce of them thre, requiring them presentlie upon the receipt hereof to repaire unto the place where the disorder hathe ben committed, and there dilligentlie to enquire of the personnes and manner of their doinges in that behaulf; and if the disorder shall appeare unto them to be soche as it is signified to be, then are they to take bands of the principall doers for their apparence fourthwith before their Lordships, that some exemplary punishement maie be used towards them according to the quallitie of their offence.

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* Original marginal note.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Walles that their Lordships by their letter of the xxiijth of November signifieng their opinions concerning Thomas Owen (accused for Highe Treason) for his tryall and the order of his baylement, in the meane tyme do understand that the fitteste place for his due triall, according to the Statute of 33^{o} Henry 8., is to be had either in her Majesties Benche or in the county of Salope, and in the meane season the said Owen to be bailed and bounde not to repaire into the countie of Carnarvon, or into anie of the three sheires in North Wales; of which their opinion their Lordships do like verie well, and do referre unto their good discreacions the choyce of either of the places for his triall, which they shall thincke to be moste convenient; and for his baile in the meane while their Lordships doubt not but he will take order that the same maie be according to the order of lawe, and of that securitie that is requisite considering the matter for the which he standethe accused. p. 333. High Treason in Wales.

A warrant to ——————, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, comanding him fourthwith to repeire unto the persons whose names do followe, delivered unto him signed with the hande of one of her Majesties Principall Secretaries, to suche places where they dwell or as he shall understande they are remayning, straightly charging and comaunding them in her Highnes' name that they make their personall apparence before their Lordships within fyve daies next after they shalbe so warned by him, all delayes sett aparte, and that also they bring with them suche somes of money due and paieable by them for the discharg of the fraght of the shippes and maryners' wages imployed in the laste voiage made by Mr. Furbusher, according to a note of their particuler sommes which he shall deliver unto them signed by the hande of Michael Locke, Threasurer of the Companie of the Adventurers, and thereof not to faile as they will answer to the contrarye:— A call on the shareholders in Frobisher's last voyage.

William Paynter - - - - lvij^{li} x^{s}.
Jeffrey Turvyle - - - - lvij^{li} x^{s}.

Richard Bowlande - - - - lvij^{li} x^{s}.
Mrs. Anne Kymersley - - - lxxxvj^{li} x^{s}.
Mathewe Kymersley - - - xxviij^{li} xv^{s}.
Robert Kymersley - - - vij^{li} x^{s}.
p. 334. William Bonde - - - - cxv^{li}.
Thomas Owen - - - - xxviij^{li} xv^{s}.
William Ornshawe - - - - xxviij^{li} xv^{s}.
William Dowgle - - - - xxviij^{li} xv^{s}.
Sir William Wynter - - - xl^{li}.
Christofer Androwe - - - v^{li}.
Robert Martyn - - - - v^{li}.

Preparations for smelting the cargo.

A placarde to all officers that where ———— is appointed for the Queen's Majesties speciall service to digge and provide for certen oare and myneralls to be conveyed and brought to Dartford, nere London, and for that pourpose is to be provided either of shipping or of carriages by lande as by him shalbe thought convenient, they are therefore commanded not onlie to suffer him and his ministers to search and digge for the premisses in suche places as by him shalbe thought mete, but also when he shall have founde that yt shalbe meete for this pourpose, to geve him waie and libertie to bring and carrie the same to suche place as shalbe nedefulle; in which as yt is intended he shall make recompence to all persons that shall receive anie domage by the digging or carriage over their grounde, so are they required to be ayding and assisting unto him in the compounding of reasonable prices for the same, and likewise to se the said ———— and his ministers provided of convenient shipping (if he shall so require), and of sufficient cartes, waynes, temes and horses, either for poste or journey, for the more speedy conveyance of the said oare and mynerall, as also to be ayding and assisting unto him by all good meanes they can to se him furnished of all other thinges necessary at prices reasonable and as is convenient for this her Majesties service.

The Steelyard and the City.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where their Lordships are geven to understande that verie latelie he and his brithern

have prohibited the Alderman and his Societie of the Stilliarde to buy and sell in Blackwell Hall and other places within the Cittie otherwise then as straingers do, he is required to sende hether Alderman Hayward with others sufficientlie instructed, to deliver unto their Lordships the causes why and by what aucthoritie they have so don.

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Lord Threasurer.	Earl of Leicester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord of Arundel.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

An arbitration.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, the Master of the Rolles and Alderman Haywarde, that where by the peticion herein inclosed they shall understande the complaint of Walter Orme against one Robert Morrice, who (as it is signified by the said peticion) by untrue deposicions of Roger Warefield of London, grocer, hath passed a fained action against him in the Guildhall, they are therfore required to call before them bothe the parties, with such proofes and wittnesses as are to be produced for the triall of the truthe on bothe sides, and upon their effectuall examining of the matter betwene them to [make] some suche ende thereof as they shall see to be agreable with justice and equitie.

The ixth of December, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A new harbour near Hastings.

Letters into the counties following, accompanying a Commission under the Great Seale of England, for a collection

to be made towards the making of a haven nere the towne of Hastinges, according to the mynute in the Councell Cheste :—

The Cittie of London.	Sussex.
Middlesex.	Surrey.
Kent.	

An Irish thief. A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that where there is one Patricke White, borne in Corne (*sic*), servaunte to Mr. Doctor Gardner, one of her Majesties Chaplyns, hathe verie latelie come awaie and carried awaie of his master's in plate and money to the value of 100 markes; for as muche as yt is suspected he is repeired either to Corke, or to some other place thereaboutes, he is required to cause waight to be layed for him in all places where suspicion maie be had of his coming, and to apprehende him, and upon his apprehencion to examyn him where he hathe bestowed the said plate and money, and if he hathe brought anie parte thereof into that realme, to make staie thereof into his owne handes; and the person of the said White to be sent fourthwith unto their Lordships at the charges of the said Deane (*sic*), that suche order maie be taken for his punishment as shalbe agreable to the quallitie of his offence.

p. 336. Religion and the Bishops of Ireland. A letter to the Bushoppes of Irelande that where they signifie by their letter of the 28 of September that for certen causes concerning the state of Relligion in that realme they desire that some one of them might be permitted to repaire hether, that by opening the causes here before us suche reformacion might be had as in that behalf shall appeare to be necessary, their [Lordships] are don to understande that as their Lordships are verie desirouse that in so waightie a cause presente redresse might be hadd, and wilbe readie to do their best in procuring thereof, so considering how hardlie anie of them maie be spared therehence, their Lordships thincke rather that they shoulde send hether some one fitt person sufficientlie instructed in all suche matters as they thincke mete to be propounded here, and therefore

desire them to advise of some suche person to be sent fourthwith unto their Lordships prepared and furnished to that ende, who at his arrivall here shalbe conferred withall and order taken accordingly; and in the meane tyme order ys geven for the staie of the confirmacion of the Commission graunted here unto Ackworthe and Senevoye.

The corn trade.

Letters to the Commissioners appointed for the Restrainte of Graine and Victualls in the five shires following to suffer Thomas Nicholson of London to transporte out of every of the said counties the severall quantities of wheate following, according to a mynute thereof remayning in the Councell Cheste:—

Norffolk, 400 - - -	quarters of wheate.
Somerset, 350 - - -	
Suffolk, 100 - - -	
Dorset, 350 - - -	
Gloucester, 300 - -	

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Lewd words at Chester.

A letter to Sir John Savage and Sir Laurence Smithe, knightes, that where longe since their Lordships received from the Maiour of Chester and his britheren thexamination of certaine prisoners remaining in the comon gaole there, whereby one Henry Houghton, ironmonger of that cittie and prisoner likewise withe the rest, standethe accused to have spoken slanderouse speches against the Queen's Majestie; whereunto thoughe their Lordships see good cause to geve credite, yet because their Lordships are informed that Houghton is commonlie troubled with a lunacie, and that there hathe ben a quarrell betwene him, the Maiour and

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others of that cittie, and also that the words by him uttered were misconstered (*sic*) by his accusers, their Lordships being desirous to understande the truthe hereof have made choyce of them two, desiering them to take some paines dilligentlie to examyn as well the disposicion of the said Houghton, whether he be subjecte to a lunacie or not, as also the order and manner of his lewde speches, upon what occasions they were uttered, the quallitie and sufficiencie of his accusers, what he is able to answere in his owne defence, with other circumstances appertaining; and, as sone as convenientlie they maie, to certifie what they finde, together with their opinions of the man and the matter, that suche furder order maie be taken therein as shalbe thought convenient.

A House of Correction at Winchester.

A letter to the Bishop of Winchester that where there is latelie finished within the Castle a House of Correction erected at the charg of the whole countie for the setting on worke of suche idle people as run from contrie to contry, for as muche as they of the clergie have neither towards this building nor the Trayning of Shotte ben charged with any contribucion at all, and that (the howse finished) there restethe nothing upon the collection of the whole shire, wherewith the idle people that in the tyme of the building have ben set on worke are now to be kept occupied, their Lordships do require him upon the receipt hereof to cause a collection to be made amonge those of the clergie within his Dioces for a convenient somme of money to be bestowed uppon the said Howse of Correction to the use aforesaid, and to be delivered to those who have the charge of th'imployment thereof, that the same being finished maie not nowe remaine unprofitable and frustrate of the ende for the which it was erected; wherein if his Lordship, bothe by his earnest dealing withe them and his owne good example in taxing him self, shall incorrage the rest to yeilde the more willingly thereunto, and thereby the more liberallie to contribute to so good a purpose, he shall not onlie deserve the good opinion and reporte

of the whole countrie, but also geve cause unto her Majestie and their Lordships to conceyve the better of his doinges, and be readie to have consideracion thereof upon any occasion to be offered.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Protection for Michael Locke.

A letter to the Sherif of London that where their Lordships are geven to understande that the owne[r]s of certen of the shippes imployed in the laste voiag of Mr. Furbusher have an intent to arreste Michael Locke, Threasurer of that voiage, for non paiement of the fraight of the shippes nowe at their returne, which, notwithstanding, is ment shalbe payed as sone as possible maie be; their Lordships knowing that by the slacknes of such as were Adventurers, who delaye the payment of their porcions due for thir adventure, the said Michael Locke hathe not as yet meanes to paye and satisfie the parties for their fraight as appertainethe, he is therfore required to geve order (uppon anie action in this case to be entred againste him) that his ministers do forbeare to arreste the said Locke within the Cittie untill he shall otherwise herein be directed from their Lordships.

A like letter to the Judg of the Admiraltie not to admitte any processe out of his Court to that ende.

A murder in Norfolk.

A letter to the Sherife of the countie of Norffolk and Mr. ——— that one Kellentry of Lyne is supposed to have comitted wilfull murder in the killyng of one Mr. Grey of that towne; forasmuche as it is suspected that (before he maie come to his tryall) his goods may be imbesselled, they are required to repeire unto Lynne or to anie other place where he shall understand any of the said

Kellentrey's goods to be remayning, and to take an inventorie of the same, that they may be fourthcoming to be answered to her Majestie in case his facte shalbe founde to be willfull murder; furder requiring them that the Coroner's Quest be impanelled of suche persons as without any respecte shall deale therein uprightly and according to justice.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Alleged breach of trust.

A letter to Sir John Davers that where he, with others, was joyned feoffee for the disposing of the lands and goods of Anthonie Borne upon his going out of this realme, who departing without her Majesties lycence, the same by lawe remainethe forfeited unto her Highnes; forasmuche as he is to render an accompte unto their Lordships of the disposing thereof, as also for that Borne chargethe Sir John Conwaye, a principall feoffee amongeste them, not to have dealt therein according to the truste committed unto him, who alleagethe to have don nothing but with his consent and the reste of the feoffees, their Lordships do requier him not to faile of his apparence to be made before their Lordships the vj^th^ daie after the beginning of Hillarie Terme next, to aunswere his doinges in that behalf, and to bring with him such writinges, letters and wittnesses as doe concerne the matter betwene Borne and hym.

An other of the same effecte to Sir James Mardyn.

A like letter to John Chamberlaine and William Clark, esquires.

A letter to Arthur Osbaston and Edmund Longstone, gentlemen, that where their Lordships are geven to understande that they are privie to certen matters betwene Sir

John Conway, knight, and Anthonie Borne, concerning a feoffement made by the said Borne unto Sir John Conwaye and others of his lands and goods before his departure out of this realme into the partes beyonde the seas, wherin they are to testifie their knowledg before their Lordships; they are therefore required not to faile of theyr apparence to be made before their Lordships the sixt day after the beginning of Hillary Terme next.

A letter of like effecte to Arthure Tennant, William Bird, clarke, William Curtes, Richard Raynor, Hewghe Wright and Reigenold Hewes.

Sir V. Browne's accounts.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildemay requiring him to geve order to the Auditours to bring hether unto their Lordships Sir Valentyne Bownes books of accompte, and desiering him to be here at that tyme to assiste their Lordships in the hearing thereof.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord of Arundel.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord of Warwick.	Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

Slandering the Lord Admiral.

A letter to Sir William Skipworth, knight, Thomas St. Pole and William Hunston, esquiers, that where their Lordships are geven to understande that Robert Savel, esquier, and his sonnes have not only misdemeaned them selves sundrie waies heretofore towards the Lord Admirall and the Lord Clinton, his sonne, but also of late hathe used slaunderouse speeches againste his Lordship, who bearing a great Office of State in this realme and of her Highnes' Privie Councell, their Lordships maie [not] in justice and for example of so greate a disorder neglecte the redresse thereof; and for the said lewde speeches, with other abuses againste the

* The date and names are given in the margin.

said Lord Clinton [which] are to be proved againste the said Savel and sonnes by the testimonie of divers personnes to be examined in that behaulf, their Lordships have made choyce of them three, requiring them or anie ij of them, calling suche personnes before them as shalbe notified unto them, or as they shall thinck to be able anie waie to testifie of any suche misdemeanes and speeches to have ben uttered by the parties aforesaid, and by vertue hereof to examyn them uppon their oathes of their knowledg therein, and accordingly to certifie their examinacions unto their Lordships with as convenient dilligence as they maie.

Jesuits at Plymouth.

A letter to Richard Tremayne, &c., and George Kekwiche, esquires, that where their Lordships do understande by their letters of the 2nd of this presente of the apprehension of one Nicholas Bawdyn and one Henry Clarke, landing at Plimouthe out of a Spaniard, whome they have examined and by searche have found appertaining unto them an *Agnus Dei*, Popishe books and other Papisticall reliques with certen letters, which together with their letters their Lordships have received from them; wherein for their paines taken their Lordships do yeilde them their hartie thanckes, and do thincke yt meete againe to returne unto them the said examinacions, bookes, &c., and do require them, with the reste of the Justices, as the matter shall fall out against them to be of moment, to be indicted and proceeded withall according to the Statute; and if they shall finde that they are to be set at libertie, then to take bandes of them in good sommes of money for their good behaviour.

Open air services of Nonconformists.

A letter to Sir Giles Poole, knight, Richard Rayneham, Henry Poole and Richard Greene, esquires, that their Lordships understanding by their letters of the first of this present that they have latelie discovered within that countie a secte of disordered personnes using to assemble together in a desolate place nere unto a woode side, appointing unto them selves a minister and a private Order of Service according to their owne fantasies, whereupon they having pro-

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ceaded to th'examinacion of some of the principalle of them, and finding them absolutely to persiste in their errour, have committed them to the comon gaole, whereof their Lordshi[illegible]s do verie well allowe and yeilde them therefore right hartie thanckes; and where they certifie of others inclyned to the like schisme who have not yet discovered them selves, and do doubte that if order be not taken for the preventing thereof the numbers will dailie increase, their Lordships therefore do require them, with the assistance of the reste of the Justices, to make dilligent inquirie for the discovering of anie others that shalbe suspected to inclyne that waye, and to cause them to be brought unto the Bishop of the Dioces, whome their Lordships have appointed to travell by conferrence to reduce them to conformitie, whereunto yf they shall not yeilde, upon his certificate of their obstinacie such furder order shalbe taken with them as shalbe thoght convenient. Open air services of Non-conformists.

A letter to the Bishop of Glocester that where their Lordships do understand from Sir Giles Poole and other Justices of the countie that they have of late discovered a secte of disordered people assembling together in a desolate place and appointing unto them a minister and Order of Service according to their owne fantasies, and have (for their obstinacie and defence of their error) comitted some of the principalls of them to the comon gaole; forasmuch as the infection of so pernitiouse a secte (if it be not in tyme prevented) maie growe dangerouse to the whole realme, their Lordships have geven order unto the Justices of that countie not onlie to have speciall care for the furder detecting of any other, but also verie earnestlie to require his Lordship either by him self or by his order to some learned preachers of his Dioces, to appoint that those of that secte alreadie detected be effectuallie dealt withall, in the hearing of some of the Justices, for their reducing to conformitie, whereunto if they shall not be brought, but will obstinatelie persiste in their error, then upon his certificate therof unto their Lordships suche furder order

shalbe taken with them as shalbe thought convenient; their Lordships also thincke mete that the conferrence to be used with those that are alreadie committed be also extended to the reste that are at libertie, and to suche others as shalbe upon furder inquirie detected hereafter, of whome he shall from tyme to tyme receive informacion from the said Justices.

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Present:

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admirall.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Chancelor of thexchequier.
Mr. Comptroller.	

A French pirate.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Southampton requiringe him to receave into his custodie from the Maiour of Southampton one Turbert, a Frencheman, and to see him conveyed to the Sheriffe of Surreye.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Surrey requiringe him to receave into his charge and custodie from the Sheriffe of Southampton one Turbert, a Frencheman, and to see him committed to the prison of the Marshallseye.

The privileges of Guernsey.

A letter to Mr. Doctour Dale and Mr. Doctor Auberye touchinge the matter in controversie betwene Master Leighton, Capten of the Isle of Gerneseye, and one Bourdon, a Frencheman, factour for certaine other Frenche merchantes, touchinge certaine ballettes of oade (*sic*), whereof they pretende to be owners, seased by Mr. Leighton in Garnesey; they are required to consider both of the said Bourdon's complainte and Mr. Leighton's aunswers sent herewith, and to advertise their Lordships of their opinions whether (as Mr. Leighton alledgethe) the priviledges of the Isle of Garnesey shalbe infringed if he shall aunswer the said accusacion in anye Courte of the realme, and that therfore it should be first proceaded in in that place, and by appeale from thence be brought before their Lordships and none other.

A letter to the Maiour of Southampton requiring him to deliver into the custodie of the Sheriffe of that shire one Turbert, a Frenche pirate, so soone as he shalbe recovered of his sicknes and able to travaile. A French pirate.

A letter to the Bailiffes and Jurates of her Majesties Isle of Gerneye (*sic*), requiringe them under the Seale of that Isle to certifie their Lordships of the custome and usages of that Isle concerninge theese stollen goodes, whether the same beinge first seased by her Majesties officers before the owners therof, be escheated unto her Majestie by reason of that seasure, and of the like custome and usage concerninge pirates' goodes, how longe the same hath ben continued, and whether anye doubte hath ben moved against the same customes and interest of her Majestie or restitucion made to the parties; requiringe them further to sende hither two of the Jurates of that Isle unto their Lordships, with some authenticall copie of all other their usages and customes, who maie enforme their Lordships of such thinges as they shall further demaunde at their handes. p. 343. The privileges of Guernsey.

A letter to Sir Christoper Wraye and Sir James Dier touchinge the controversie for the Liberties of the Blacke and White Friers betwene the Lord Maiour of London and thinhabitauntes of those precinctes, requiringe them to appoint some daie the next Terme for the hearinge of that matter, and, calling both parties and their learned counsell before them, to ende the same accordinge to lawe and justice; and that also at that time they call unto them her Majesties learned Counsell to heare what they can alledge for her Majesties interest and right in the weefes, fellones' goodes, &c., and other escheates which the Citie, under pretence of such Liberties, seeke to take awaye. A dispute between the Crown and the City.

A letter to the Lord Maiour on the behalf of John Hibbert, common servaunt to the Groomes of her Highnes' Privie Chamber, heretofore recommended unto him for the obtaininge of a salt meater's or cole meater's roome, together with his fredome in that Citie; his Lordship is required Letter of recommendation.

againe to further him in this his sute by all good meanes he can, and to sett all former excuses aparte which maie tende to his hinderance.

An order to admit to the Court.

A placarde on the behalf of William Litlestone, her Majesties servant, beinge commaunded to attende uppon their Lordships of the Privie Counsell at the Courte, to suffer him for 3 moneths space next ensuinge to passe in, going and cominge to and fro the Courte, or being whersoever without anye lett or molestacion.

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Lady Windsor's case.

A letter to Mr. Doctor Lewes, Doctor Gibbons, Doctor Hussey, Doctor Jones, Judges Delegates, in a matter of divorse betwene the Ladie Windsor and George Puttenham, to certifie what summes of moneye by sentence of the said Delegates or otherwise in the Arches have ben adjudged and are dewe to be paid unto her from the said George Puttenham, her late husbande.

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Appearance before the Clerk.

This daye Edward Michelborne of Hamons in the countye of Sussex, sent for to appeare before their Lordships concerninge a matter in controversie betwene him and the Lord Dacres of the Southe, uppon th'entrance of his apparance, dismissed uppon bandes in the summe of fowertie poundes that within x dayes after warninge to be geven unto him at his house in the countie aforesaide, shall retorne and make his like apparance before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell, and not to departe without their Lordships' speciall licence.

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Lord Admiral.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Arrundel.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Bothe Mr. Secretaries.
	Sir Walter Mildmay.

Six letters of one tenure into the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Southampton, Dorset, Oxon and Barcke for a collection to be made towards the making of a haven nere the towne of Hastinges, according to a mynute remaining in the Counsell Cheste. The new harbour.

A letter to the Maiour of Excester requiring him to take good bandes in sufficient sommes of money to her Majesties use of John Hoyle and Thomas Walker, inhabitantes of that cittie, for their apparence before their Lordships together with John Hoyle, their servante, to answere to suche matter as ys to be objected againste them concerning a violence in December last by them offered to Thomas Page, deputed for the execucion of her Majesties Letters Patentes graunted for the prohibiting of playeng cardes to be broght into the realme but by suche as in the said Letters are thereunto authorised, requiring him also to geve order that they repaire hether with the bearer hereof, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, whome their Lordships have for that pourpose appointed, that no delayes be used for the deferring of their said apparence. The importation of playing cards.

A letter to Wallis, late Maiour of Cambridg, that where complainte hathe ben made unto their Lordships that in the monthe of September laste one William Hurte, deputed to make searche for playeng cardes to be solde contrarie to her Majesties Letters Patentes, repeiring to Cambridg and seasing by vertue of the said Letters Patentes certen quantities of cards then in his possession, was not only resisted by him and otherwise evell intreated, but by him, being then Maiour of Cambridg, imprisoned and abused to the evell example of others; he is therfore comaunded presentlie uppon the receipt hereof, if the tyme of his office of the Maioraltie be expired, to make his personnall apparence here before their Lordships to answer his doinges in that respecte, or yf he be still in that office, to certifie the causes in writing of his said contempte, that upon his aunswer suche order maie be taken therein by their Lordships as shalbe thought convenient.

p. 346. A supposed lunatic sent to Bridewell.

A letter to the Warden and Masters of Bridwell that where one ——— Shepwraye of the countie of Wilteshire being brought before their Lordships for certen sediciouse speeches by him uttered, upon some examinacion had of hym their Lordships are leade to thincke that he is possessed withe a kinde of lunacie; forasmuche as their Lordships are desierouse to be better certified of the disposicions of the said Shipwraye by some convenient meanes to be used for that purpose, their Lordships have thought good to committe the person of the said Shipwraye unto their charge and custodie, to remayne and be sett on worke within their howse of Bridewell, to be notwithstanding used in mylde and gentle sort, to th'ende that, if he be affected withe anie suche imfirmitie, he maie not by anie harde or violent usage be made worse; they are therefore required to receive him and order him accordingly, and what they shall finde of him within some fewe daies to certifie their Lordships, that suche furder order maie be taken with him as thereuppon their Lordships shall thincke convenient.

A Welsh culprit.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Walles that where their Lordships do understande by their letters of the viijth of this presente, as also by the relacion of Mr. Atkins, of the apprehencion of Robert Blades, a person detected to be evell affected towards the presente state of this realme, as hathe appeared by a letter discovered to have ben by him written unto one Robert Broade, whome they signifie to be escaped into the partes beyonde the seas; forasmuche as by an examinacion by them taken of the said Blade upon certen interrogatories drawen out of the letter by him written unto Broade, their Lordships finde his answere to be verie impertinent, and not answering the matter directlie which he is to be charged withall contayned in the said letter, their Lordships do thincke good that the person of the said Blades be fourthwith sent hether unto their Lordships here, to be delt withall in some other sort to make him furder confesse what is ment by the contentes of the said letter, and therfore they are required to cause

him under sure garde to be sent unto their Lordships, and by the waie to be kept from conferrence with anie person whosoever; but, before they sende him, to examyn hym verie straightlie with what personnes of credite or others, either within that countie or anie other places within the realme, he hathe had acquaintance and hathe commonlie frequented, with such other necessarie circumstances as they shall thincke convenient for the better discovering of the person and behaviour of the said Blades.

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Lord Admiral.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

An inquiry at St. Alban's.

A letter to Sir John Broket and Sir Henry Locke, knightes, Phillip Butler and Roberte Snagge, esquires, that wher there hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships the articles herein inclosed againste certen disordered personnes of the towne of St. Alban's by one William Waren, who offerethe the proofe of them by sundrie sufficient wittnesses of the said towne, forasmuche as their Lordships are desierouse to understande the truthe of the matter contayned in the said articles, their Lordships have made choyce of them foure, requiring them, or anie three of them, to take paines therein, and calling before them the said Warren, the parties by him charged, and also suche as are to be produced to wittnes the truthe in those matters, effectuallie to examyn the same, and to certifie fourthwith what they shall finde thereof, that suche furder order maie be taken as shalbe thought convenient.

A riot at Oxford.

A letter to the Vicechauncellour and Maiour of Oxforde that where their Lordships are geven to understande that about the xxth of this presente William Grey, esquire, brother to the Lord Grey, with divers other personnes dyd assault within the towne one Gregory Alder, servaunte to the Lord Norreyes, in suche sort as thereby a tumult was

like to have followed; forasmuche as the ryot committed is not to be passed over without due correction, their Lordships thincke yt mete that the order thereof shoulde be examined in the place where yt was committed; they are therefore required, taking the assistaunce of some Justice nere adjoyning, to call the said Grey with the rest of his company before them, as also suche wittnesses as are to be produced to testifie the truthe and order thereof, and effectuallie to proceade to the examining of them upon suche interrogatories as they, uppon the knowledge of the matter, shall thincke mete to be propounded unto them, and their examinacions taken to be immediatlie sent hither unto their Lordships, and thereupon bands to be taken of the said Grey and suche others as were parties in the quarrell with him for the keping of the peace; and withall to take the like bands with surties of the said Grey and suche others as shall appeare to be culpable for their apparence before the Lords the firste Starr Chamber daie of the next Terme, where suche order shalbe taken with them as shall appertaine.

The playing-card monopoly.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Atturney Generall that where the Queens' Majestie hathe heretofore by her Letters Patentes graunted unto Ralf Bowes and Thomas Beddingfielde, esquires, Pentioners unto her Highnes, a privilege for the bringing of playeng cardes into the realme, therby prohibiting all others not to bring yn or make sale of anie playeng cardes but by the permission of the said Bowes and Beddingfielde, they yelding therefore unto her Majestie one hundred markes by the yeare; forasmuche as one John Acheley of London, contrarie to the said graunt, dothe sell and make cards within the Cittie in so greate quantities as thereby the gentlemen are not onlie defrauded of their benefitte, but also her Majestie like to loose her rent growing thereof by them, their Lordships thereupon calling the said Acheley before them, and demaunding by what aucthoritie he had entred into the trade of carde making within the realme, contrarie to her Majes-

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ties graunt, do finde that he pretendethe his doinges to be lawfull, grounding him self upon the lawes of the realme, to th'ende their Lordships maie the better understande whether his doinges are to be allowed by lawe, notwithstanding her Majesties said graunt, their Lordships have thought good to referre to them the consideracion of the said graunte, to be conferred with the Statutes whereupon he groundethe his immunitie in this behaulf, prayeng them to take some paines and to certifie their opinions, that accordingly suche orders maie be taken as shalbe agreable with justice and equitie; howbeit if, upon their consideracion had thereof, they shall finde it more convenient that the parties be brought to some good composicion amonge them selfes, (the matter falling out to be litigious), then to have yt dealt in other wise, then they are required to doe their best indevours to furder the same by making a finall ende betwene them, which their Lordships rather wishe by reason the said Acheley dothe by his cardmaking set manie personnes on worke, which by the inhibiting of his profession would otherwise be ydele.

George Puttenham.

A warrant unto the Keper of the Gatehowse of Westminster for the receiving of the person of Georg Puttenham, esquire, into his custodie, who for that he had ben removed out of the said prison contrarie to the due course of lawe, having ben removed by vertue of write *de excomunicato capiendo*, and shoulde have ben discharged by vertue of a like write *de excomunicato liberando*, was by the disorder of the Sherife of Middlesex discharged without any suche write; he is therfore required to retayne him prisonner untill he shalbe discharged by due order and shall have made satisfaction to the parties by whome he is sued.

Stage plays and the Plague.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and the Justices of Middlesex and Surrey requiring them to suffer the exercise of playes within the Cittie of London and without the Liberties, and to have regarde that suche orders as are prescribed for the stayeng of thinfection maie be duelie observed, so as ther growe no hurte unto the sounde in their publicque assemblies.

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* Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Earl of Arundel.
Earl of Warwick.
Earl of Leicester.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Privileged companies of players.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, &c., requiring him to suffer the Children of her Majesties Chappell, the servauntes of the Lord Chamberlaine, therle of Warwicke, the Erle of Leicester, the Erle of Essex and the Children of Powles, and no companies els, to exercise playeng within the Cittie, whome their Lordships have onlie allowed thereunto by reason that the companies aforenamed are appointed to playe this tyme of Christmas before her Majestie.

The law in the Channel Isles.

A letter to the Bailifes of Ipswich that where they have arrested and taken bands of John Martyn and Pieter Fallaise, subjectes of her Majesties Isle of Garnesey, for the answering of a matter in controversie betwene them and certen Frenche men there within the said towne of Ipswich; forasmuche as the said controversies are by the lawes of the said Isle triable in Garnesey, and from thence by appeale retornable onlie to the Councell Table, they are required to send unto their Lordships bandes taken of the said Martyn and Faillaise for the answering of that action, as also to discharge them of all matters concerning the said action, for that their Lordships do intende, upon the hearing of bothe parties, to make suche an ende thereof as shalbe agreable with justice and equitie.

xxixth of December, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Earl of Warwick.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.

* The names are given in the margin.

A French Ambassador.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where their Lordships are geven to understande that he hathe appointed Sir Thomas Scotte to receive Mounsieur de Simier, arriving Ambassadour towards her Majestie out of Fraunce, her Majestie being made acquainted that the said Sir Thomas cannot convenientlie attende the same by reason of sicknes, hathe geven order that in his place Mr. Edward Wotton be, as from her Highnes, appointed thereunto, which her Highnes' pleasure is their Lordships should signifie unto him; his Lordship is therefore desired accordingly to geve order unto him to prepare him self for the receiving of the said Ambassadour at Caunterbury (or before he come thither), whither he is to be conducted by his Lordship's Lieutenante of Dover Castell with suche companie as he shall directe, and from thence to be brought by Mr. Wotton unto London, and so to the Courte, as he shall be directed; prayeng his Lordship to make choyce and to sende worde thereof unto suche p. 350. gentlemen of the sheire thereabout to accompanie Mr. Wotton in the receiving and conducting of the Ambassadour as his Lordship shall thincke fitte.

The condition of the gold coinage.

A letter to Sir Walter Myldmay that where their Lordships finde a great disorder throughe out the realme in the waightes for the receiving of coyne of golde, as well for that the waightes do every wheare disagree, as also by reason of clipping and washing of the saide coyne, whereby their growethe a greate abuse and hinderance unto the subjecte, which they are desierous to have reformed, their Lordships understanding that he remainethe at this present in London, have thought good to desire him, calling unto him the Warden and Master of the Mynte and Wardens of the Goldsmithes, or anie others whome he shall thincke mete, to take some paynes and to advise what waightes shall fittlie serve for the severall coynes of gold current within this realme, and to sende the same in writing unto their Lordships, that accordinglie her Majestie be moved for the publishing thereof by Proclamacion.

Ultimo Decembris, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Earl of Leicester.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.	Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

The Piracy Commission.

A letter to the Commissioners for Piracies within the county of Norffolk that where in their Lordships' last letters for the leavieng of certen fynes of suche as were certified to have ben dealers with pyrates, their Lordships cessed, amongeste others, one Anthonie Stile at threescore poundes for certen barrells of herringes and other thinges received as pirates' goods; forasmuche as their Lordships are geven to understande from the Judge of the Admiraltie that long since, upon complainte of the persons interessed, the said Stile hathe made satisfaction for so muche as coulde be proved to have come to his handes, their Lordships thincke yt now mete that he should be no furder charged in that respecte with anie newe fyne, for which cause their Lordships do require them to forbeare to leavie the said threscore poundes of the said Stile, and upon the delivery of the money to be leavied within the countie into thexchequer to Henry Killigrewe, appointed to receive the same, theise their Lordships' letters shalbe bothe unto him and to them a sufficient discharge for the said somme of lx^{li}.

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Release on bail.

A letter to the Bishop of London that where about a year since Elizabeth Barham, then servaunte to the Ladie Browne, was, togither with the said Lady apprehended and comitted upon matter of Relligion unto the Gatehowse at Westminster, where she hathe ever since remayned, forasmuche as she semethe to be verie penitent for her fault committed againste her Majesties lawes, promising all conformitie and offering to geve in suerties for the contynuance of her obedience in that behaulf, their Lordships, considering the punishment she hathe already received, her holding to conformitie and assuraunce she offereth for contynuance thereof, as also that she is a poore young woman of litle

meanes either by her self or her frinds to sustaine her in the prisonne, do like verie well that she putting in suerties as is aforesaid to be bounde for her in reasonable sommes of money, to cause her fourthwith to be sett at libertie.

For three arrests.

A letter of assistance to all officers, as well within Liberties as without, for the apprehencion of the bodies of Roger Sidnam, John Gallingham and George Popham, at the suite of the Ambassadours for the King of Portingall residing here in Englande.

The London soap boilers.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that by his letter of the xxixth of this presente their Lordships do understande in what sort he hathe begon to bynde the sope makers from the use of suche oyles and suche other corrupte matter as in sope is bothe verie unsaverie and unwholesome, as by the confession of some of that science is declared before their Lordships, and also howe the said sopemakers, having in their handes a greate quantity of naughtie oyles and suche like wares for the making of oyles, mynde to become suters for a longer tyme then the ende of Januarie for the spending of the same; for the former pointe their Lordships thincke the somme of c^{li}, in whiche he hathe bounde the said personnes, too smale, and therfore do require him and the rest of his britheren (all delayes set aparte) to sende for the personnes whose names are sett down in a schedule inclosed, and of every of them to take obligacion of cc^{li} to her Majesties use with suche condicion as is expressed in the said schedule, and the bandes so taken to be sent to the Lord Threasurer, and therupon the sope makers to be released of all former bandes taken by their Lordships' order concerning the use of suche naughtie oyles as is aforesaid.

Towching the latter poynte of his letter concerning this matter of their intente to become suiters for a longer tyme to worke out their said oyles, forasmuch as if the letters sent heretofore from hence unto his predecessor had byn duely regarded and put in execucion according to

The London soap boilers.

her Majesties meaning in her Letters Patentes graunted for the making of oyles, wherewith his predecessor together with him self and the reste of his britheren was made acquainted, they needed not now to have had in their
p. 352. handes so greate a quantitie of theise yll kindes of stuffe, and therfore they shall plainelie declare unto them that it is resolved they shall have no longer tyme then is sett downe in the said condicion, for their Lordships thincke yt verie convenient that the losse of suche wares shoulde be borne by them selfes, being so fewe, then the harme and inconvenience to be suffered that may come to infynite numbers of her Majesties subjectes by the use of the said unwholsome soapes.

The names of the sopemakers and their workemen:—

William Meges, Thomas Oxwike, Thomas Audley } partners. Their workemen { ——— Parkyns. Toby Cole. Richard Lowne. Richard Heathe.

Richard Skipe. His workman, William Pitman.
Thomas Hunt. His workman, Thomas Curson.
Roger Clarke, John Cowle, James Ambrey, partners.
James Reeley.
John Wardall. John Reade, his workman.
Richard Brooke and his workman.
Thomas Bromfielde and his workman.
George Haberfeilde, John Faukes.
Ralf Caverley and his cheife workeman.
Toby Hide, John Clegge, Thomas Couper, partners.

The condicion, &c., that if neither the within bounden A. B., his assignes, factours, deputes or workmen, nor anie of them or anie other to his, their or anie their use or uses, do or shall directlie or indirectlie at anie tyme or tymes hereafter buy or receive, or cause to be bought or received, in to his or anie of their house or houses, possession, custodie or charge, any more blubber oyle, pumpe oyle, trane oyle, whale or other fishe oyle, to put, use or mingle

or use in sope or sope making, then at this presente the said A. B. hath alreadie bought within the Cittie of London or in the Suburbes of the same nowe landed, and in the presente and proper possession of the said A. B.; nor after the last daye of Januarye next coming, do mingle, boyle, worke or use any manner of blubber oyle, pumpe oyle, trane, whale or other fishe oyle, or anie manner of tallowe in anie matter of soape or sope making, that then, &c. p. 353.

A pasporte to Monsieur Kentell, a gentleman of Highe Germanye, to suffer him and his companie quietlie to passe into the partes of beyonde the sea. A passport and a letter to see the Tower.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower and the officers of the Ordinance and Armorie to shewe Monsieur Kentell, gentleman of High Almagnye, the Tower of London and suche thinges as are usuallie shewed therin.

A letter of assistaunce with processe out of the Courte of the Admiraltye for the recoverye of certaine goodes and merchaundises laden in a hoye, wherof one John Jacob was master, and another hulke being cast awaye about the coast of Sussex. The Admiralty Court.

A letter to Henrie Killigrewe requiringe him to receave all suche summes of money, beinge levyed of pirates and their abettours, as shalbe brought unto him by any persones appointed by the Commissioners in eche place for the enquiringe and searchinge out of pirates and their abbettours, to whome he is required for portage to allowe iiij^{d} uppon the pounde, and to deliver unto them his acquittaunce for the summes receaved by him, and from time to time to advertise their Lordships how muche shall have ben brought unto him. The piracy fines.

A letter to the Bishop of London in the behalf of Anne Hubbart, wife to Henrie Hubbarte who died not longe sithe in her Majesties service in the realme of Irelande, that his Lordship would geve order to the curates, churchwardens, &c., in everie churche within his Diocesse that there maie be for one time onlye some collection made for the relief of the A collection in church.

said widowe, to be delivered by the curates, &c., aforesaid to his Lordship, and so delivered over by him to the said widowe.

An arbitration. A letter to the Erle of Pembroke, Sir John Davers and Sir Thomas Wroughton, knightes, requiringe his Lordship, accordinge to an inclosed peticion of one Mathewe Spenser, one of the Yeomen of her Majesties Chamber and Garde, that his Lordship woulde compounde the mater in controversie betwene the said Mathewe and one Christian Sever *alias* Spenser, and other of the countie named in the peticion, touching a certaine farme and performaunce of bandes and condicions agreed uppon betwene them, and in case his Lordship cannot bringe the same to passe, then to certifie in whome the default is.

p. 354. The piracy fines. A letter to the Erle of Bedforde in aunswer of his touchinge Ridgwaye and the Plumlayes, advertisinge his Lordship that concerninge Ridgwaye his Lordship shall heare further when their Lordships shall have receaved his aunswer; touchinge the Plumlayes their Lordships are contented that where his Lordship requireth in respecte of their unhabilitie to paie the summes assessed uppon them presentlie, they might paie the same by v^{li} or xx markes yerelie, in case they shall presentlie paie thone half of the said sumes, &c., they shalbe dispensed with for the rest to paie the same by x^{li} at Michaelmas Terme till the whole shalbe expired; requiringe his Lordship to take their severall bandes for the paiment therof at that time to Henry Killegrewe or to suche other as their Lordships shall appointe, and to sende the said bandes upp to their Lordships to remaine here.

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